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## Ram raid driver gets four years in prison

A MAN from Willenhall who was behind the wheel of a stolen car during ram-raids has been jailed for four years.

Patrick Ward, aged 24, was with a 17-year-old teenager when he carried out three raids and was on licence at the time from a jail term imposed for similar offences, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

The pair got away with power tools valued at nearly £3,000 in raids on commercial premises in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and Oldbury. The Ford Mondeo they used was stolen from Tipton and it was first used by them to smash their way into a firm in Birmingham.

They then ram-raided the shutters outside a firm in the Blakenhall area of Wolverhampton where they caused £1,700 worth of damage to steal £1,650 worth of property. The third raid was on a firm in Oldbury where they caused £2,000 worth of damage before escaping with equipment valued at £700.

Ward, of Wychbold Way, New Invention, admitted stealing the car, three burglaries and dangerous driving.

The teenager, who cannot be named for legal reasons, admitted stealing the car and the three burglaries. He was given an eight month detention and training order.

## Ellie on course for 2012 spot

ELLIE Simmonds has booked herself a London 2012 spot with 400m freestyle gold at the British Swimming Championships and insists there is plenty more to come. The 17-year-old was a double gold medalist from the Beijing Paralympics four years ago and set herself on course to repeat the feat with her 400m freestyle victory. But the world record holder was disappointed with her winning time of five minutes, 27 seconds.

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# BREWERY SUCCESS CHEERS BOROUGH

by Lisa O'Brien

**THE SUCCESS of an historic brewery in Walsall that has announced increased sales and potential new jobs has been welcomed.**

Highgate Brewery has seen a 50 per cent increase in cask ale sales since the start of the year as business has rocketed. The long-established firm in Sandymount Road, which was rescued from closure 18 months ago, is enjoying a boom which means it is set to see it expand its workforce.

St Matthews ward councillor Imran Azam welcomed the news and said the council would look to support the firm to continue its growth.

"It is an historic business in Walsall, a listed building, and will hopefully be here for many years," he said. "I am delighted to hear they are doing well. If they are looking to create employment they are on the right path. As a council we are keen to support them."

The brewery has been concentrating on its best-selling beers and had also revamped some of its packaging. It has a new blonde beer, Walsall Gold, which was launched after talks with Walsall College students to find a gap in the market.

Staff at the Grade II listed brewery, which is more than 100-years-old, are currently focusing on around six beers and rebranded packaging in a bid to strike up further interest in its products.

National accounts director John Bartley said: "We are anticipating more jobs in the future, although we can't say when yet or how many."

"We are trying to build on funds to make improvements all the time."

"Trade is quite buoyant at the moment and it's increasing. The cask ale sales have increased quite dramatically. They've risen 50 per cent in the last couple of months."

### Demand

"It's really starting to take off and we are even having trouble meeting demand."

He said the brewery was continuing to target real ale pubs across the region.

"Davenport's logo on the bottles used to look like a D and we've made it into a shield," he said. "People are catching onto it."

New bosses Highgate Walsall Brewing Company took over the site in October 2010. It was shut for several months after the previous owners went into administration with 22 people losing their jobs.

## Traffic lights near site

TEMPORARY traffic signals are in operation at Richards Street, Darlaston, during work on a housing development, until Friday, March 16.

## Lollipop man's birthday surprise



Lollipop man Desmond Shorto, 70, with pupil Isabel Linton during an assembly at Rushall JMI School where he received a surprise serenade of Happy Birthday

A LOLLIPOP man at a Pelsall school was given a big surprise by staff and pupils for his 70th birthday when he was brought into the school under the ruse of giving a talk on road safety to the children.

But when Desmond Shorto, who turned 70 during the half-term break, walked into

the assembly hall, pupils starting singing "Happy Birthday" to celebrate his milestone. Mr Shorto, also a governor, has been a lollipop man outside Rushall JMI School for 14 years.

The grandfather-of-four said: "I was a bit shocked but pleasantly surprised."

## Church funds hit by metal raiders

WORK to repair the damaged roof of a church community centre in Walsall town centre will run into five figures, after it was hit by metal thieves.

Bosses at St Matthew's Church community centre said the theft of copper had a "catastrophic" effect on funds and had even put jobs at risk.

Around 130 sq ft of copper was stolen from the centre's roof in December. It came just weeks after £40,000 worth of lead was stolen from the main church building, leaving another big repair bill.

Adrian Perks, St Matthew's Centre manager, said the remaining copper had been stripped from the roof and sold to raise money for the repairs, although this only partially covered the repair bill.

The roof is now being replaced with an alternative material to deter thieves from striking again.

### Security

Mr Perks said: "We decided to completely strip the roof of copper after the theft and replace it with an alternative material. We thought that if we didn't it would be revisited by thieves."

Money has also been spent on boosting security at the centre, in St Matthew's Close, while work is taking place.

"The running costs of the centre and the payment of wages is met by the money the centre makes," he added.

"With that money gone, it could mean people lose their jobs. It's really serious. It's been catastrophic on our funds."

## Drain cover thefts

SIXTEEN drain covers were stolen from streets in Willenhall in the space of a week. Taxpayers have been left to foot an £8,000 bill to replace them. Streets targeted included Manor Close, Park Road, Tennyson Road, Wordsworth Road, Castle Drive, Stirling Crescent and Stringers Lane.

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## More traders shun town centre

TRADERS are turning their backs on Walsall town centre, blighted by vacant shops, to set up in the surrounding districts instead, new figures reveal.

High rents have been blamed for businesses shunning the central shopping area in favour of the borough's other towns and villages.

While the number of vacant shops in Walsall town centre is seventh highest in the country at more than 20 per cent, the rate of empty shops

in the districts is just nine per cent. Only 82 out of 896 units are standing empty in Aldridge, Bloxwich, Brownhills, Darlaston and Willenhall.

## Village

Becky Foxall opened The Ginger Tree, a women's clothing boutique in Croft Parade, Aldridge, in July last year.

She said: "People who want independent shops want them outside

the town. We wanted to put something back into our village."

It emerged last autumn that 36 new businesses had set up in district centres inside six months, creating around 150 jobs.

Regeneration chief councillor Adrian Andrew said high rents from private landlords have deterred some retailers.

But he said some of the empty shops were because of forthcoming regeneration schemes such as the

Old Square Shopping Centre (see story on page 3).

The biggest district centre, Willenhall has 24 empty units from 271 available for occupancy, while in Aldridge just 10 out of 168 units are empty.

There are 15 empty buildings of 217 in Bloxwich, of which five of these are considered unusable.

In Brownhills, there are 20 vacant units out of 151.

## Carvers to carry on at Neachells Lane base

CARVERS bosses insist business was "still going strong" as staff rallied to keep the historic family firm alive following a fire that has devastated its headquarters in Wolverhampton city centre.

Staff are handling orders from the building supplies company's second site, in Neachells Lane, between Wednesfield and Willenhall.

And a director of the 116-year-old builders merchant pledged that the company was "not about to stop now" after its warehouse, offices and shop in Little Lane were destroyed by a blaze last week.

Around 150 of the company's 200 jobs still hang in the balance after staff were told to go home while managing director Henry Carver awaited assessments by insurers.

But his company's timber service based in Neachells Lane, Wednesfield, has become a temporary headquarters and stock that survived the fire will be moved there.

The company opened the nine-acre second site around six years ago. It is close to where Carvers was founded in 1896.

## Lisa leaps in for proposal

MECHANIC Mark Jones got a surprise when he came home from a hard day at work to find one of his bed-sheets hanging from a window - with a marriage proposal on it.

His girlfriend Lisa Wright took full advantage of leap year by popping the question to her boyfriend of three years via a large sign bearing the words "Mark Neville Jones, will you marry me?" outside the couple's home in Norbury Avenue, Pelsall.

Mum Lisa, aged 38, then faced an agonising wait for Mark to return home. But, thankfully, he said "yes" and the pair are now looking ahead to their big day.

## On the records

WALSALL Family History Group's next meeting will be held at St Matthew's Community Centre, Walsall, on Wednesday at 7.30pm. The talk will be about probate records. Visitors are most welcome at £2. Membership is £10 per year.

## Beki back after second cruise drama for family

A CABARET dancer from Walsall who was on board the stricken cruise ship Costa Allegra is back home after the second cruise drama to hit her family within weeks.

Cruise entertainer Beki Thomas, who landed at Birmingham Airport on Friday, was one of more than 1,000 people

## Tweet costs Manny more than £1,000

WALSALL FC footballer Manny Smith is the latest player to be fined by the Football Association over homophobic remarks on the social network site Twitter. The Saddlers defender has been fined £1,200 and warned about his future conduct over comments he made to fan Kevin Paddock.

The tweets (short messages), which referred to Mr Paddock's sexual orientation, led to a public apology from 23-year-old Smith.

Newcastle United striker Nile Ranger was fined £6,000 last week for a similar offence while West Ham's Ravel Morrison was fined £7,000 last month.

**Clampdown**  
The fines have come weeks after the FA announced a new clampdown on homophobia in football.

Saddlers boss Dean Smith confirmed the centre-back had been dealt with by the club, after the player apologised personally and publicly to Mr Paddock.

Smith, aged 23, said: "The comments were borne out of frustration and were tweeted in the heat of the moment. I deeply regret them."

"I realise that, as a professional sports person, I am a role model."

aboard the Italian vessel that endured three days at sea without power.

It came after her brother James Thomas, 19, also a cruise ship dancer, helped people escape from the Costa Concordia disaster, in which 32 people died.

The Concordia capsized off the Italian coast in January.

In the latest drama, on the Concordia's sister ship the Costa Allegra, a fire in the ship's engine room caused a power cut and left the liner drifting 200 miles off the Seychelles. It was towed back to land by a French fishing vessel.

## Nerves

Beki, aged 23, of Whitethorn Crescent, Streetly, said nerves kicked in when she learnt about the fire over the ship's tannoy.

She said: "I didn't know if we were going to have to abandon the ship."

"We were told what was happening all the time and the fire was contained straight away. It took four hours to put out."

Passengers and crew spent three days without power or hot food, with supplies having to be flown in by helicopter.

Beki, who has only worked on a cruise ship for the past nine months, said she was pleased to be home.

She said: "When I got home, my family were at the airport and were happy to see me. James stood there smiling and gave me a big hug."

Her mother Jayne, 48, said: "We are delighted to have her home."



Home, safe and well in Streetly - Beki Thomas, a dancer on the Costa Allegra, with her brother James, who was on board the ill-fated Costa Concordia, with mother Jayne, younger brother Dan and father Mark

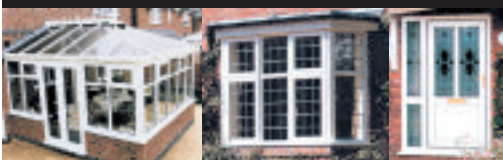
## Hi-tech display board for bus station

A NEW passenger electronic display board is to be installed at the Walsall town centre bus terminus.

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That's the message from environmental health officers at Walsall Council, following claims that a bogus rat catcher is targeting residents and claiming up to £480 per visit.

Since November police has received five reports of a man aged approximately 40 to 45 calling at homes in Walsall claiming that the resident has a rat problem infestation that needs dealing with.

**Roadworks over run for a week**

MOTORISTS in Willenhall were facing further delays this week after a £90,000 scheme to improve a busy accident-plagued road over ran.

Work in Clarks Lane and Sandbeds Road, on pedestrian refuges, signs and markings, was due to finish last week. Traffic has been restricted to a single lane along Clarks Lane and temporary lights are being used. Council bosses say there have been delays due to cold weather and staff sickness.

**Pervert exposed himself to girls**

A MAN indecently exposed himself to a group of seven-year-old girls in Darlaston.

The incident happened on the canal towpath off Herberts Park Road just after 3pm on February 16. The man is described as white, 5ft 10ins tall, with bald head and wearing silver rimmed glasses. Call police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

**Taxi driver fined £360 for offences**

A TAXI driver in Walsall has been hit with a £360 bill after unlawfully plying for trade. Mohammed Jahngir was also given six penalty points on his licence for no insurance. The 42-year-old of Farrington Street was caught by Walsall Council on August 29 last year. He the charges at Walsall Magistrates Court.

**Boxing dinner**

PLECK Amateur Boxing Club will host a dinner show on May 10 at Walsall FC with tickets £30 including a four course meal, or £5 on the door for the boxing only.

**Children's care home proposed**

A HOUSE in Walsall will be transformed into a two-bedroom residential children's care home under plans lodged with the council.

The care home, planned for 31 Ida Road, would be for a total of two children aged between 11 and 18.

It would accommodate children and young people who are looked after by local authorities and experiencing emotional and social problems.

**Supervised**

The unnamed developer stated in planning application documents: "Children and young people will be closely supervised by staff at all times both in the home as well as out in the community."

"The community will be invited to an open day where they will be able to meet staff and management, ask questions and gain an understanding of what the home aims to achieve."

**Flats plan goes to inspector**

HOUSING plans for 14 apartments in a Walsall road have gone to the planning inspectorate for a decision after the council did not determine its outcome in the time limit.

The plans attracted a 263-signature petition and 36 letters against it. The blocks of flats in Woodside Close, Park Hall, have been in the pipeline for more than three years, and this is the sixth time a version of the application has been lodged with the council.

The most recent application to replace a house and six flats with three blocks of 14 apartments was turned down by councillors in April last year.

**Rejected**

An appeal was then rejected by the planning inspectorate in September.

But a fresh application has been submitted to the council, with a proposed substation on the site moved further away from nearby homes.

As the council has not determined whether or not permission will be granted within a 13-week timeframe, the applicant David Stone has taken it to the planning inspectorate.

# Youth training centre rises from the ashes



Steel structure at the Goldmine centre, Lower Hall Lane

A YOUTH training centre is rising from the ashes after one of Walsall's biggest fires. The steel structure for the Goldmine Youth Training Centre has now been completed.

It is a milestone in the creation of the £2.7 million centre, which is being built in the grounds of the former Shannons Mill site. It is part of a regeneration scheme planned for the Grade II listed complex, which suffered a devastating blaze in August 2007.

The new centre will boast training rooms, a library, offices and multi-purpose space for public performances. It will be used by young people in the area for training, learning, advice and guidance. The Vine Trust, which will run the centre, had outgrown its current premises on the corner of Lower Hall Lane and Caldmore Road.

Developers St Modwen and Gool Estates had been due

to begin building the new Goldmine centre in 2007 but the plans were delayed by the blaze.

Neal Haywood, construction manager at St Modwen, said: "The building is beginning to really take shape and we are on target for a summer opening."

Kevin Davis, chief executive of the Vine Trust, said the new centre would be home to a new type of school which will link education and employment.

"Young people will be part of the catalyst for reviving this part of the St Matthew's Quarter," he said. "Goldmine will host a proposed Studio School in 2013, a new type of school that aims to link education and employment."

"Students will access GCSEs, A levels and vocational projects but the twist is the opportunity to have a paid work placement every week."

# Petition opposing bid to build homes on green belt

A PETITION with more than 270 names has been submitted to Walsall Council chiefs over plans to build homes on green belt land.

The plan is part of the multi-million regeneration of the Goscote area in a land swap deal drawn up by Walsall Housing Group and council chiefs, for 700 homes on land called The Lea.

New green belt land would be created on the demolished

Goscote estate.

But residents living on roads surrounding The Lea have hit out at the plans and say they do not want to lose the green land.

A total of 273 residents have added their names to a petition.

Around 700 homes would be created under the plans drawn up by Walsall Council and Walsall Housing Group.

**Brownfield**

Ken Wall, who has lived in Hardy Road for more than 40 years, said residents were not opposed to the overall regeneration scheme but did not want to lose The Lea.

"We want them to build on brownfield sites but instead, they want to swap The Lea for a piece of land on the old Goscote estate," he said.

"The vast majority of people living around here do not want The Lea built on. Only six people have told me they are supporting it."

A special planning meeting will be held in the coming weeks to discuss it.

## New rector is inducted at Aldridge

A NEW rector has been appointed at a church in Aldridge.

An induction service was held for the Rev John Coyne at Aldridge Parish Church on Sunday.

Mr Coyne, aged 56, moves from the Cotswolds and previously worked as the director of local and regional delivery for leadership development for the Church Pastoral Aid Society, known as CPAS.

He said: "Over the next year or so it will be a question of working out what new initiatives we want to take."

The church had been without a rector since April.

The church community rooms are a very popular local facility with their use rocketing to 2,000 people a month.

## Stepping out for charity

TWO young friends stepped out to raise more than £100 for charity with a sponsored walk.

Olivia Hondle and Chloe Hemmings from Brownhills set out from the Shoulder of Mutton, in Church Road, and headed for Shire Oak Hill before heading back. The 12-year-olds, who attend Brownhills School, will split the cash they have raised between Acorns Children's Hospice and Walsall Hospice.

## Plumbing no pipe dream for skipper



Saddlers captain Andy Butler is doing an NVQ in plumbing at Walsall training centre

WALSALL FC's captain is spending his time learning how to fix leaky pipes off the pitch as well as leaky defences on it.

Saddlers skipper and trainee plumber Andy Butler said he wanted to learn the skills so he is not caught offside later in life.

The 28-year-old centre half, who lives in Hednesford, has started training for NVQ Level 2 in plumbing at the Walsall Training Centre in Green Lane, Walsall, one one day a week.

Centre manager Steve Edis said Butler had taken to his new role really well.

Walsall fan Mr Edis said: "He is the first footballer we have had here, and he is doing really well."

**Interested**

"He's taken to it like a duck to water, and certainly hasn't had any red cards yet."

Butler, a father-of-one, said: "It's just something I'm interested in, and I have got to do something after football."

"It taxes your brain a bit with the problem-solving nature of it."

"I started not knowing how to sold pipes and how I can fit radiators."

But he said he had no plans to retire from the beautiful game just yet.

He and his wife, Caroline, 27, parents to three-year-old Ashton, are expecting a baby girl at the beginning of June.

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**THE Royal Mail is to freeze the price of Christmas stamps for some pensioners and benefits claimants. So far, so good. Now, how about making it free for anyone under 12 to post a thank-you letter?**

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REJOICE, for the Olympics Minister Hugh Robertson says he is "increasingly confident" the 2012 Games will come in under the £9.3 billion budget.

You couldn't make it up. Let's not forget, the original estimate for these 16 days of running, jumping and drug-test dodging was £2.4 billion. Then it rose to £3.3 billion. As the sun rises, so does the Olympics budget. The £9.3 billion figure is merely the latest in a long line of predictions based more on hope than likelihood.

Inflate the budget often enough and eventually, the Games were bound to come in "under budget". Smoke and mirrors.

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**DAMMIT, we are not getting outraged enough about old people being patronised.**

A report by a committee of charity bosses and NHS bigwigs declares that residents of care homes being referred to as "dear" or "chuck" without their permission should be regarded as severely as racist or sexist abuse.

This is a tall order. By now, most people get angry and embarrassed to hear the sort of racial terms which were in common use 50 years ago. We have learned to be outraged.

But could we, or should we, work up the same outrage over the issue of how old people are addressed by care workers? Is there really any similarity between calling an old lady "chuck" and calling a black person by the N-word?

I can't see it. Most old folk in care homes are desperately glad of any human contact. And a kind word is a kind word, even if it has not been officially approved by the guardians of political correctness.

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IT is best not to imagine the crippling cocktail of emotions that must be haunting the Sunday Times photographer Paul Conroy. Wounded in Syria and in despair, he was spirited to the safety of Lebanon. But in the mission to save this single Brit, 13 courageous Syrian volunteers were killed. How do you live with that?

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**STATISTICS for our time. In the last decade the proportion of cider drinkers in Britain has soared from 42 to 47 per cent. I wonder if there has been a similar rise in the sale of incontinence pads and whippets on a string.**

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THE official line (which no-one believes) is that if the NHS offers free treatment to foreigners with HIV, fewer British people will contract the disease. The unofficial line (which everyone believes) is that if we offer free treatment for HIV, sufferers will flock here from all over the world and the infection rate will go through the roof.

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A **READER**, quietly headbutting the plaster in frustration, reports that a "steering group" in his village has drawn up a shortlist of suggested names for the new library and health centre. He wonders what is wrong with Library and Health Centre.

**Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star**

## Concern at bid to relax shutter rules

A GOVERNMENT idea to relax planning regulations for shop shutters in the wake of the summer riots could have a "counter-productive" impact, according to planners.

A consultation is currently being held with town hall bosses across the country on plans to relax the need for planning consent for shutters.

But the move has been met with concern in Walsall, where it is feared

it may "undermine the vitality" of areas.

It comes after businesses across the country - including many in Wolverhampton, Birmingham and West Bromwich - were left counting the cost following nights of violence and looting last August. Walsall escaped large-scale disorder.

In a consultation letter to the Government, Walsall's head of planning David Elsworth said he would

be concerned at the loss of control over type, design and appropriateness of shutters.

## Graffiti

"Solid galvanised shutters often become the target of graffiti, can create a deadening effect particularly at night or during the day on vacant units, and can make vacancy rates more apparent - damaging the image of a centre," he said.

"They can be counter-productive

in attempting to address the problems they seek to resolve."

If such a policy should be introduced, Walsall Council said it would require some control over the type, size and material of shutters.

Councillors will be asked to adopt that as the local authority's official stance at a meeting on Thursday.

More than 760 people were arrested by West Midlands Police for involvement in the riots.

## Plan for health centre is now in final stages

**PLANS for a £3 million health centre on the site of a former Walsall leatherworks that was destroyed by fire seem set to be submitted before the end of March.**

The former Jabez Cliff & Co leatherworks has been pulled down after a blaze tore through it last August.

## Pledge on care cuts

THE opposition Labour group on Walsall Council has condemned the council budget, claiming that it will reduce social care by £22 million over three years.

It was passed at a meeting of the full council but the cost-cutting measures have been criticised for impacting on the most vulnerable.

Labour has vowed to review the budget root and branch if elected to run the authority at May's elections.

Labour leader Councillor Tim Oliver said: "For a long time we have said the cuts are going too far too fast."

## Pub sign talk

THE history of pub names and signs will be the subject of a talk at Walsall Museum.

David Cole, of the Inn Sign Society, will talk at 2pm on Tuesday, March 13, at the Lichfield Street venue. Places are limited and should be booked on (01922) 653116 or at museum@walsall.gov.uk website.

## Carve with pride

A LEATHER carving workshop for adults is taking place at Walsall Leather Museum on Saturday.

It will be held at the Littleton Street West venue on between 10.30am and 3.30pm. Tickets are £15, including all materials. Book on (01922) 721153.

The site is earmarked for two GP surgeries and a pharmacy. A business case is now being drawn up for the scheme, in Lower Forster Street, Walsall.

St Matthew's Councillor Mohammed Arif said the demolition of the 140-year-old leatherworks building was half the battle.

"A meeting was held with NHS Walsall and a business case is now being put together on behalf of the two GP practices which are looking to move there," he said. "So at this moment, the developer is working with the two practices on it."

"As soon as that is in, which we are hoping will be imminent, we should expect a planning application to come through."

"I'm confident that will be in by the end of March."

## Dangerous

He added: "The site has now been cleared which makes it easier for the health centre to go in, which is kind of half the job. But there is still an opportunity for people who may want to get in touch about co-locating."

A fire tore through the Jabez Cliff factory on August 15, leaving the empty building in a dangerous condition.

More than 60 firefighters tackled the fire at its height and many of the main roads in Walsall town centre were closed for hours.

There had been calls for the facade of the 1870 building to be saved and retained as part of the health centre plan but that did not happen.

## Pupils' design skills blossom



Pupils Ethan Till, Taylor Willems, both 11, and Laura Fellows, 14, front, show the Bloxwich in Bloom logo designs to regeneration officer Nikki Rolls, centre left, and Sophie Lester, at the Mirus Academy, in Leamore Lane, in Bechdale

YOUNGSTERS in Walsall have been showing their creative side by designing a logo for this year's Bloxwich in Bloom entry.

Pupils from the Mirus Academy have been coming up with their own ideas as part of the Heart of England in Bloom competition. They have teamed up with Walsall Council's district centre management team and Bloxwich Business Partnership as part of the initiative.

Students have been asked to come up with a design for the logo and winners will be

chosen from each learning phase. There will also be an overall winner chosen by the Bloxwich in Bloom committee.

They will then meet with the design team at Walsall Council to see how the logo will be converted for use on a variety of different publicity material.

Councillor Rachel Andrew, cabinet member for children's services, said: "This is an excellent chance for children to show off their artistic talents."

## Housing group is building for future

TEN teenagers have been taken on as apprentices for Walsall Housing Group.

The youngsters, aged 16 to 18-year-olds, will be taught construction skills including plumbing, brick-laying, carpentry, plastering, painting and decorating.

The nine male and one female apprentice will undertake a Level 2 Apprenticeship in maintenance operations.

Tim Rymond, from the housing group, said: "We are extremely pleased to provide these young people, all from Walsall, with this excellent opportunity to enter the construction industry and gain a recognised qualification."

The apprentices will hone their trade through real site experience and be responsible for a small share of the work. Employers who would like to find out how an apprentice could benefit their business should call 0845 155 0310.

## Musical show on for a spell

GILBERT and Sullivan operetta The Witches of Ruddigore will be held at the Forest Arts Centre in Leamore tonight (Thursday), tomorrow and on Saturday with a matinee on Saturday afternoon.

The musical is being staged by the Walsall Gilbert and Sullivan Society and is set in Cornwall. It tells of an evil baron cursed by a witch and features lots of ghosts.

It will be staged at the Hawthush Road venue. Tickets are £12 for the 7.30pm performances, and £8 for the Saturday matinee. To book tickets call the centre on (01922) 654555.

## Police watch shops

POLICE have stepped up patrols in Brownhills to help deter shoplifting.

Officers say it is an ongoing problem in High Street and Silver Street. They are working with shopkeepers to tackle the issue.

Anyone who witnesses shoplifting should call police on 101.

## Crime on the agenda

CRIME issues can be raised when a neighbourhood watch meeting takes place at 7pm on March 28 at the Springfield Community Centre in Rushall.

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## Landlady was really sister of claimant

A JOB centre worker from Walsall falsely claimed more than £18,000 in housing benefits after moving into a home bought by her sister. Mother-of-three Raheena Ahmed received the money on the basis she was a private tenant across almost four years to cover £550 a month rent, a court heard. The 35-year-old told Walsall Council that the property in Buttermore Grove, Willenhall, was owned by a woman named Rosaline Campbell.

Ahmed moved into the house but the Land Registry showed it belonged to Nusrat Ahmed - her sister - who bought it for £122,000 weeks before the move.

Ahmed admitted two counts of fraud, relating to false representation and incorrect forms for housing benefits, while making the initial claim in August 2007. At Walsall Magistrates Court last week Ahmed was sentenced to a 200 hours of unpaid work.

She had pleaded guilty to the charges at a previous hearing.

Mrs Kerry Munro, prosecuting, said Ahmed, now of Arundel Road, Willenhall, helped people fill in forms in her role at Job Centre Plus in Walsall.

Magistrates heard she has already started to pay some of the money back and she was also ordered to pay £200 costs.

## Self-service at libraries

SELF-SERVICE technology is now up and running at Brownhills Library.

The hi-tech checkout has been installed at the library, off Chester Road North. Council chiefs say the move will cut queues and free staff to help people find books.

The same technology is also to be installed at Aldridge and Bloxwich Libraries, Darlaston and Willenhall will get the new kit in coming months.

## One of the best

A NURSING home in Walsall has been rated as one of the top Bupa care homes in the UK by its residents. In an independent survey, 100 per cent of residents rated the overall quality of care at Parklands Court Nursing Home as excellent or very good.

# Call to build on site to stop yob menace

A 15-YEAR campaign to remove an eyesore building has ended in victory after rubble which was left on the site after demolished was finally cleared.

Former hair salon Curl & Dye in Birchills, Walsall, was demolished last year but lots of unsightly rubble was left behind, prompting Walsall Council to take enforcement action.

The council agreed earlier this month to allow the authority to clear the Wolverhampton Road site and recover the costs from the owner.

The rubble has now been moved but campaigners say redevelopment should happen

quickly so the land does not again become frequented by the vandals and drug users who once highted the empty building, a former police station.

The moves comes after it was agreed at a meeting of the full council that officers should look at ways the authority could take a lead in dealing with problems surrounding derelict buildings.

The issues surrounding the Birchills problem has sparked a council investigation into whether conditions can be imposed on developers where sites are earmarked for regeneration. This would be to ensure that

such sites are cleared, maintained and are not allowed to degenerate into eyesores.

Councillor Dennis Anson, who was involved in the long-running campaign alongside residents calling for the former salon to be demolished, said: "It's taken a long time and trips to the courts to make this happen."

### Redeveloped

"There is consent for a house to be built on the site, which I hope follows through. I hope it gets redeveloped quickly."

"We now have to turn our attention to

other derelict buildings like The Orange Tree pub in Wolverhampton Road and the land opposite, where there used to be a factory, which have become problems."

The former hair salon was pulled down last April following a campaign by fed-up residents, then backed up by council court action.

The owner was called to court last year to be prosecuted over the state of the building, but the case was dropped after the former salon was bulldozed.

The property was originally built in 1949 as a police station.

# Lifelong pet bans for pair who allowed dog to starve

A FORMER couple have each received a lifetime ban on keeping animals after a dog was left so underweight that it struggled to stand.

The condition of Deani Sheldon's pet only came to light when worried neighbours checked on the animal. The 38-year-old owner had allowed the German Shepherd cross Bengi to stay with her ex-partner David Timms at Reedswood Gardens in Walsall.

## Disgust at metal raid for church altarware

BRASS candlesticks, crucifixes and other religious items have been stolen from a church on the Yew Tree Estate by callous metal thieves.

The £5,000 haul was taken from St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church, and was discovered by Parish priest Father Timothy Burke on Sunday morning (February 26). That day's mass at St Joseph's had to be canceled and worshippers went to the later Holy Cross Church service.

Mr Burke branded the raid on the Birchfield Way church as "disgusting" and said it had upset parishioners.

Worshippers arrived at the small church on the Sunday morning to find a side door had been forced and metal items stolen. These included a tabernacle, a chalice and two silver plated ciboria (chalices for consecrated wafers).

Nativity figurines were also damaged as the thieves rifled through the church looking for metal.

Walsall Magistrates Court was last week told that when an RSPCA inspector visited the dog was emaciated and unsteady with bones clearly visible through its skin.

Sheldon claimed she was no longer living at the address but accepted that she visited the flat on a daily basis. She said she took food for the dog.

Mrs Gaynor Sutton, prosecuting for the RSPCA, said the pet had suffered a "sustained period of malnourishment".

It was taken to a vets and found to weigh under 10kg, when its ideal weight would be 16kg.

### Suffering

Sheldon, now of Bagnall Street, Leamore, admitted causing unnecessary suffering to an animal between August 3 and 31 last year.

She initially denied the offence but changed her plea ahead of a trial.

Mr Christopher Stapleton, defending, said his client suffered learning difficulties but accepted her role in the dog's suffering.

Magistrates ordered that her pet ban cannot be reviewed for 10 years and also ordered her to do 200 hours of unpaid work and pay £250 costs.

Timms, 28, of Reedswood Gardens, who admitted the same charge, was dealt with earlier this year. He was given a lifetime pet ban, 12-month supervision order and told to pay £500 costs.

## Kathy helps school get up and running



Former Olympic sprinter Kathy Cook, now a Walsall PE teacher, joined pupils to officially open the new 420-place Barcroft Primary School in Willenhall

OLYMPIC medallist Kathy Cook joined pupils to celebrate the official opening of a primary school in Willenhall.

Pupils, teachers and dignitaries gathered for the event at Barcroft Primary School last week. The school invited sprinter Kathy, who has won a total of 14 medals in her career including three Olympic bronzes, as their special guest as she also now works as a PE teacher in Walsall, after retiring from sprinting in 1987.

Barcroft is a 420-place primary school on the site of the former Elm Street Infants School. Pupils moved to the energy-efficient Albion Road site last September.

### Generations

Children's services chief Councillor Rachel Andrew said: "I'm sure generations of Willenhall children will come here, have a great education and help contribute to a great future for Willenhall and Walsall."

Chairman of governors Mr Peter Hancox said: "There has been a school at the Albion Road site since 1909 and at the Elm Street since 1931. As well as providing education for successive generations, the schools have been a focus for the local community. We are rightly proud of our history and we are very pleased that the new school will continue to serve the local community."

"I am sure that all our children found Kathy's presence at the ceremony an inspiration, particularly in this year of the Olympics."

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### in brief

#### Police stepping up town patrols

POLICE have stepped up patrols in Walsall town centre following reports of youths drinking and intimidating people as they pass through the grounds of a landmark church.

Officers are patrolling the area around St Matthew's Church in Church Hill due to complaints.

Residents have also raised issues about problem parkers causing obstructions in Caldmore Road and West Bromwich Road.

#### On the run for cancer charity

A TESCO supermarket worker from Walsall will take part in the London marathon to raise money for children with cancer.

Barinderjit Cheema, of Christ Church Grove, is hoping he can raise £2,000 for research into causes and treatments of childhood cancer. He is joining the Mr Men and Little Miss team at the event on April 22, also his 36th birthday.

There is more information available on the website at [www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk](http://www.childrenwithcancer.org.uk)

#### Hair is cut from theatres' line-up

THE UK tour of hippy musical Hair, which included dates in Wolverhampton and Birmingham, has been cancelled.

Following its West End revival, the show starring Pop Idol finalists Gareth Gates and Zoe Birkett, was due to take to the road this spring, calling at Wolverhampton Grand and Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatres.

#### Draining canal was no solution

DRAINING part of a canal has failed to find the cause of a leaking aqueduct in Great Barr.

British Waterways emptied a stretch of the Tame Valley Canal to find out what was causing the problem in Spouthouse Lane.

But after 11 days of work, it is none of the wiser.

#### Park path lights

THE path to the pavilion of a Walsall park could be illuminated in a bid to boost safety. Plans have been submitted for five lighting columns at Blackwood Park Pavilion, off Cedar Drive, Streetly.

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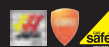
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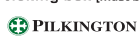
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# Robber jailed for attacks on elderly female victims

A VIOLENT robber who attacked elderly women in their own homes - and who police suspected was behind identical attacks in Walsall - must serve at least nine years in jail.



Violent thug Kevin Matthews

Kevin Matthews was arrested on suspicion of robbery in July following a string of attacks in Pheasey last year, but police said not enough evidence could be found to charge him.

The 32-year-old, of no fixed address, was sentenced at Birmingham Crown Court for three counts of robbery in Edgbaston and Boldmere.

He was told he would have to serve nine years.

In one attack, Matthews tied together the legs of his 70-year-old victim, put a cushion over her face, threatened her with a broad knife and pulled rings from her fingers.

He also punched and slapped her after she disturbed him at her Edgbaston home. He fled with £150 cash and jewellery, leaving the pensioner with severe bruising.

The following month, Matthews robbed an 84-year-old woman in her Boldmere home. She suffered minor injuries as he stole £300 cash and jewellery.

Ten days later he struck again, at the home of an 84-year-old woman in Erdington, where he forced his way in causing the door to hit the victim on the head.

## Serving up success



Paul Keeling of Simply Sandwich celebrates a slice of success. FORTY-ONE of Walsall's businesses were voted the "most loved" in their category in a campaign to find Britain's favourite small firms.

More than 15,000 nominations were made by Walsall people in support of local businesses and several were among the top 20 best loved in the UK. These included Harguns Sweet Centre in Caldmore, Pizza by Carlos in Willenhall and Synergy Hair Design in Aldridge.

Other winners included Simply Sandwich, in Broadway, named best loved caterer in the UK. Manager Paul Keeling said: "I am so pleased to have won this award again on behalf of our customers and am proud that we have put Walsall on the map once again."

## Villa helping hospice

ASTON Villa has announced that Saturday will be Acorns Day. The football club is dedicating its home match day against Fulham to a fundraising event in aid of its official charity partner, Acorns Children's Hospice, with the aim of raising £50,000 - the cost of running a hospice for a week.

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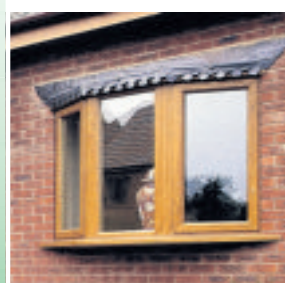
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## Get the party started



**Right royal do** – Residents of Greenwood Park in Aldridge are planning a diamond jubilee street party this summer. Pictured are, from left, Lynn Powell, Audrey Yates, Sarah Cale, front, seven-year-old Mia Liggins. PATRIOTIC residents in two streets have made applications to host street parties celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Residents of Greenwood Park, Aldridge, are among the first in Walsall to organise a diamond do for

neighbours to celebrate Her Majesty's 60 year reign. People in Woodlands Crescent, Pelsall, have also made a successful application. Organisers in Aldridge, who hold their party on June 3, urged other streets to follow their lead.

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## Pub and gym get go-ahead

**PLANS** for a new pub and gym in Walsall have been approved – bringing a potential 80 new jobs to the borough.

The vandal-hit Bulls Head pub in Bloxwich will be revamped and relaunched to the tune of £1 million by Wetherspoons. Meanwhile, a branch of Pure Gym is to open in the vacant upper floor of Poundland in Park Street, Walsall town centre.

Both were given the green light in a meeting of planning bosses last week.

The Bulls Head plan will create up to 50 jobs but it was agreed that the site should be monitored to ensure there was no nuisance to residents such as noisy behaviour in a beer garden.

### Budget

This followed concerns submitted to the council over noise, disturbance, anti-social behaviour, litter and loss of parking spaces.

Meanwhile, the 24-hour 'budget gym' will lead to around 30 new jobs.

Pure Gym will move into the top floor of Poundland, which used to be the former Woolworths store and after that became TJ Hughes.

## Vote for name

VILLAGERS in Pelsall are reminded they can choose a name for their new £4 million community building.

A shortlist of names has been drawn up for the Pelsall centre, currently under construction in High Street.

People have until March 16 to cast their vote. Voting slips are available at Pelsall Library; Rushall Library; Pelsall High Street surgery and several primary schools.

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## Fined for blocking pavement

A BUSINESSMAN has been fined more than £2,000 for blocking a pavement of a busy Walsall footpath with adverts, including a life-size cut out of a policeman.

Warren Wiggan, aged 36, blocked the path on Sutton Road six times between August and December last year with his advertising boards. Wiggan, of Cornwall Road, Walsall, did not appear for his hearing at Walsall Magistrates Court last week, where he was charged with six counts of wilfully obstructing a highway.

The case was proved in his absence by Walsall Council and he was found guilty on all counts. Mr Dominic Patouchas, prosecuting for the council, said the boards were advertising tyres and valeting services, and the council had received numerous complaints.

Wiggan was fined £750 for each of the first three offences, with no separate penalty for the other three.

He was also ordered to pay £460.63 costs and a £15 victim surcharge.

Walsall Council is now pursuing an order to ban Wiggan from displaying the boards on the pavement again.

## Elijah, 160 years on

A CHORAL work written by Mendelssohn for the Birmingham Festival of 1846 is being performed in the city again. Birmingham Choral Union sing Elijah at the Adrian Boulton Hall, near the Town Hall where the original was performed, on Saturday.

The title role will be sung by Manchester-based Ugandan baritone Terence Ayebare, backed by the 80-strong choir. Tickets for the 7.30pm performance cost £16 (concessions £15), available by calling 0121 553 3070.

## Masters of the kitchen



Rotary President Roy Quinton with winners Aaron O'Brien (left) and Anshuman Saha, watched by young chefs, from left, Jaskaran Kholi, Hannah Wadley, Cerys Bartlett, Liam Hood, Harry Smith, Jamie Murray, Bethryn Blakeman, and judges Accord's Duncan Copeland, Glenys Price, of Walsall EBP, and Condesa Parke, of The Vine Trust

YOUNG cooks took to the kitchen for a master chef competition. Five schools from Walsall took part in the event at Brownhills School.

As part of the Rotary Club Master Chef competition, students were asked to prepare a main course costing no more than £7.50 for two. Dishes included Cajun fish with brise and cod wrapped in pancetta.

The schools were Barr Beacon Language College, St Thomas More, Queen Mary's Grammar School, St Francis of Assisi and Brownhills School.

The senior winner was Aaron O'Brien from St Thomas More School and junior masterchef was Anshuman Saha from Queen Mary's Grammar School.

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# Tighter budgets could be threat to school libraries

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The innovative i-Tree design, which is to be sold worldwide, is the brainchild of Barnsby and has taken three years to develop. The firm dates back over 200 years.

The company was recognised with the Innovation Award from the British Equestrian Trade Association for the carbon fibre and leather saddle.

Heat helps it to mould it to a specific breed via a transformer that can be adjusted depending on the size of the animal. The equipment has been developed by the firm in Aldridge Road as part of a £30,000 project.

**BUDGET** cuts and continuing funding pressures could force schools across Walsall to scale back or close their libraries, says a union chief.

Primarys and secondaries may be forced to consider reduced book stock levels due to "tremendous pressure" being put on budgets. Walsall Council says it is also preparing for possible reduced demand for new books through its library support services.

A large number of schools have opted to become academies to allow them more control over their finances. Other schools are also looking to convert.

The council has highlighted the school library support service book purchase scheme as at potential risk. No school libraries are believed to have closed so far.

Walsall NUT spokesman Russ Bragger said that as staff face the risk of redundancies bosses will be forced to look at every way of making savings.

He said: "Libraries are quite an essential part of the school. It is part of any child's education to have access to a good range of books."

"School budgets are under tremendous pressure. It is something they may have to look at as part of the package for next year."

Leisure chief councillor Anthony Harris said the school library support service book purchase scheme could fail its income target if schools buy fewer books.

He added: "School libraries are the responsibility of individual schools, but in Walsall, as everywhere else, they are facing difficult budgetary pressures."

## Charity work recognised

A TRAVEL agency in Aldridge has won an award for its community work and record breaking sales. The team at The Co-operative Travel, High Street, was named travel branch of the year by The Midlands Co-operative for its efforts in 2011.

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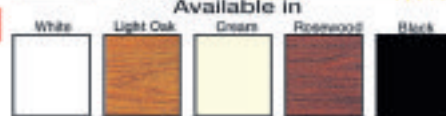
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 Short Heath  
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## Seeking lock family roots in Willenhall

CAN any of your readers help me? I am trying to find any descendants of my family, mainly the surnames Thomason or Cartwright. These two families came from Willenhall and inevitably worked as lock-makers in the 18th and 18th centuries.

They lived at various houses in Walsall St, Provident Square, Church St, and Gomer St.

Contact me on 0161 777 6823 or email [thomasonw@rocketmail.com](mailto:thomasonw@rocketmail.com) or write to me at 6 Haig Avenue, Cadishead, Salford, M44 5ED.

BILL THOMASON

## LETTERS

## Praise for GP after a heart attack in Spain

I AM well aware that the NHS has had many grave difficulties to contend with, particularly recently, and these difficulties have naturally generated some criticism.

I am not in a position to judge how much of this criticism is justified, but I should like to put on record my own feelings as influenced by my own experience over the last 12 months.

While on holiday in Costa del Sol just 12 months ago I suffered a heart attack which forced on me an 11 day stay in Xanit Hospital, Benalmadena. Although I had no history of heart malfunction, my insurance company and the Spanish hospital wanted proof of this.

My GP, Dr A Rischie of Pleck Health

Centre, Oxford Street, Walsall, went to extreme trouble to make this clear, and as soon as my condition allowed, close co-operation between my GP and the holiday insurance company fixed a flight home with an English doctor constantly monitoring my condition. I was driven home from Gatwick, still being monitored, and was then entered in my local hospital clinic for heart failure.

Since then I have been assessed for the required drugs to hopefully maintain or improve my progress.

I am still receiving very efficient and frequent treatment with help of Warfarin and other drugs.

I have received the most courteous attention possible and my visits to Walsall manor Hospital are arranged with transport by ambulance.

I have not yet explained that my wife and I have been married for 63 years, and my age is 86 years.

Surely this in itself speaks volumes for the effort of my own GP as well as the NHS service which is now part of my life.

SIDNEY W PYMM  
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Letters should be brief and must include the name, address and telephone number of the writer. The Editor reserves the right to condense letters.

## Celebrating talent

WHAT a wonderful night we had celebrating the young talent we have in Willenhall.

All of the the young people were amazing. We would like to thank everyone who supported the recent event held at Gilberts Bar. From the 23 wonderful acts who competed that night, the judges Ellie Mills, Yam Yam Elvis and Donovan Bailey.

Many thanks to Nicola Holmes, Lucia Gallagher, Bruno Edwards and Luke from Walsall Council who supported the event. Sian, Sue, Nikki Palmer and the volunteer young people who helped with the raffle. Thanks to Midcounties Co-op and Willenhall Christian Fellowship for donating raffle prizes and also thanks to Pat & Dave and the bar staff at Gilberts. Thanks to Chloe Fisher, our presenter, and any many thanks to all who of you who attended to watch the brilliant acts.

Our aim was to kickstart a charity to support the gifted and talented young people of Willenhall and we actually raised £593. This is just the start we hope to hold further events throughout the year so your support will be much appreciated. We hope we haven't missed anyone but a big thank you just in case.

COUNCILLORS SEAN AND DIANE COUGHLAN  
 Short Heath, Willenhall

## Norovirus - please read



Important information on how to stop the spread of winter bugs in our community.

Before you visit your friend or relative in a hospital or care home setting please make sure you have done everything to prevent the spread of germs.

If you think you have a winter bug please:

- Stay at home until you have had two days without symptoms (feeling sick, being sick and/or diarrhoea)
- Wash your hands after using the toilet
- Keep your house clean especially the toilet, flush handles, taps and door handles - these can be cleaned with a bleach based product
- Don't prepare food for other people

If you have symptoms you can normally manage the symptoms yourself

- The symptoms usually last 1-2 days
- Keep drinking fluids - rehydration powder/drinks can be obtained from the pharmacist (ask a friend to get them for you)
- Antibiotics will not help
- If symptoms are severe speak to your pharmacist, NHS Direct or GP by phone for advice on managing your symptoms

Avoid catching germs by washing your hands with warm running water and soap or liquid soap before eating and after going to the toilet.

Please see guidance on how to wash your hands well.

## Handwashing Technique

Wash hands using the following eight steps.

1.

Wet hands under running water. Take a measure of soap.



2.

Work into hands, palm to palm.



3.

Right hand over back of left and vice versa.



4.

Rub palm to palm, fingers interlaced.



5.

Back of left fingers to right palms, fingers interlocked and vice versa.



6.

Rotational rubbing of right thumb clasped in left hand and vice versa.



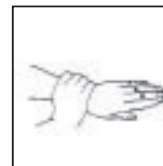
7.

Rub left palm with clasped fingers of right hand and vice versa.



8.

Left wrist with right hand and vice versa.



Rinse hands under running water and dry thoroughly

**Handwashing is the most important way to stop the spread of germs**

# £1m lottery windfall to spend on housing estate

## Stepping out for success



A talented youngster from Birchills with dreams of becoming a professional dancer has won a big haul of prizes. Francesca Kennedy danced away with seven trophies and 12 medals at the Wrekin Dance Festival. The 12-year-old St Francis of Assisi pupil wowed judges of ballet, classic, tap and cabaret. She has been dancing since aged three and trains at Walsall Academy of Dance.

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A HOUSING estate in Bloxwich is being handed a £1 million boost as part of a National Lottery cash scheme which is aimed at improving communities.

The Mossley estate is being given the cash, and residents will play a key role in deciding how it is spent.

The funding is part of the National Lottery's £200m Big Local scheme.

Further £1m lottery windfalls are also being ploughed into Brereton near Rugeley and The Scotlands in Wolverhampton over the next 10 years.

It is hoped the cash will be used to tackle anti-social behaviour, create training and employment schemes or new community facilities and provide more activities for young people.

### Teenagers

Delighted Bloxwich councillor Fred Westley said: "It is fantastic news for our area that we have been awarded £1m of lottery money."

"Over the last few years Mossley has been neglected by the council."

"The other areas in Bloxwich West such as Dudley Fields and Chestow also need help as they are all affected by cuts."

"Youth unemployment, anti-social behaviour, a lack of community facilities, no facilities for teenagers, all of these are issues that will need addressing."

"Local people should lead the way when deciding what is needed, and I shall be asking for local people to be consulted by means of a public meeting."

### Swim teacher training

COURSES for trainee swimming teachers are being held in Willenhall.

Willenhall E-ACT Academy in Furzebank Way is to provide a course for people to gain STA swimming teachers' certificates from April 10 to 12.

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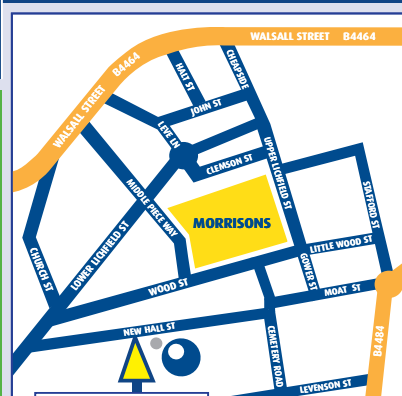
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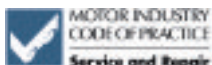
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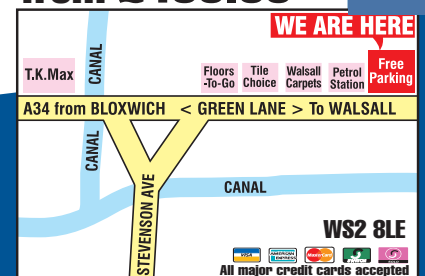
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## Special deals for football fans to help attendances

ONLY Saddlers and Albion are bucking the trend for falling football attendances in the Midlands.

But more clubs are now employing new methods in a bid to get more fans through the turnstiles.

Walsall and West Bromwich Albion have seen a slight increase in attendance figures so far this season, compared with last season.

Last month the Baggies used the discount website Groupon to offer two tickets to see the Premier League fixture against Newcastle United at The Hawthorns on March 25 for £25 – compared with a normal ticket price of £29 each. Groupon operates by agreeing bulk-buying deals and selling them to customers at a reduced price.

While Birmingham City has confirmed it is looking to offer fans a similar deal, Wolves have ruled out an offer and Aston Villa also says it has no plans to use the site.

### Sold

The Baggies' deal, which sold out in just a few hours, was designed to attract new fans and boost the attendance at The Hawthorns for a game that has been moved to 4pm on a Sunday and will be available to watch live on Sky Sports TV.

Adrian Wright, sales and marketing director at The Hawthorns, said: "We decided to trial the sale of a small allocation of tickets, for what is a televised fixture, via Groupon to gauge the reaction."

"The tickets sold out within a couple of hours and this is something we may consider again."

Walsall FC spokesman Andrew Poole said the club had introduced a number of initiatives to encourage fans through the turnstiles, including a successful early bird season ticket scheme which was launched last March offering big discounts of season tickets for the current season. Next season's early offer has already been launched.

## Facing up to art



Artist Glen Preece from Clayhanger will be showing his portraits in a display at The Crossing in Walsall

CELEBRITY portraits including actress Jennifer Aniston are going on show in Walsall. Talented Glen Preece, of Clayhanger, will be displaying his work at The Crossing at St Paul's in Walsall to April 2. There will be about 20 paintings and drawings on show at the Darwall Street venue.

It is the first exhibition by father-of-two Mr Preece, aged 30, of Allerdale Road, who said he had reignited his love of art only recently.

## Plumb skills on offer

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# Memories of air raids



Historian Tony Highfield, front right, with pensioners visiting Second World War air raid shelters in Victoria Park in Darlaston, including its famous factories, family life and community spirit.

The Second World War shelters in Victoria Park, Darlaston, are being cleared out as part of a heritage project funded with £42,000 of lottery cash.

Darlaston All Active was awarded the money for its Back In Time project in March, and it will run for 18 months looking at life in the town between the 1930s and the 1950s.

The project team is hoping to clear out the shelters at the Victoria Road park to get some photos of them inside. The photos will then be used in a book showcasing pre and post-war life

in Darlaston, including its famous factories, family life and community spirit.

And it was the latter which pensioners spoke about as they gathered to share their memories of wartime.

Anne Meanley, aged 87, of Bentley said: "We were all in the same boat, you just had to keep it together. This shelter certainly takes us back."

## Sirens

"When the sirens went off, it wasn't so much panic as a simple need for speed."

"I remember one time the air raid siren went off, and we were in bed."

"My grand mother was the last one to come down the stairs because she had stopped to put a clean apron on."

My dad was shouting at her to hurry up."

Irene Boot, 86, of Yew Street, Darlaston, said she had ducked down into the Victoria Park shelter when she was out in the town "looking for boys" when she was 15 or 16 during the war.

She said: "The siren had gone off and we were walking from King Street and someone waved us in."

"You just got used to it. I was only down the road when the All Saints Church was bombed in Walsall Road."

"I had just got down the cellar steps and heard a 'whoosh', and when we came outside the soil was still dropping down."

The church was destroyed in 1942 when the Germans mistook it for a factory.

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### Disability awards planned

NOMINATIONS are still being sought to recognise the efforts and achievements of people in Walsall.

The Walsall Disability Awards take place at Walsall FC in Banks's Stadium, Bescot Crescent, on May 2.

Guest of honour for the ceremony which is now in its sixth year is Dan Biddle – the most severely injured survivor of the July 7 bomb attacks in 2005.

The awards night is the flagship event of Walsall Disability Forum, the umbrella body for all the disability organisations and associations in the borough. Tickets are available in advance at £30 to include dinner.

Details of the nine different awards and how to nominate a person or an organisation can be found at the website [walsalldisabilityforum.com](http://walsalldisabilityforum.com), or by calling 01922 614794.

### Students set up business

A PHOTOGRAPHY firm has opened a new base in Bloxwich.

David Boynton Photography has set up the studio in a former bookmakers in Buxton Road.

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## Concert to raise cash for causes

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ST Giles Hospice and Midlands Air Ambulance are the two local charities being supported by SI Cannock and District throughout the current Soroptimist year.

Funds have been raised at many of the events since Eileen Cryer became the president last April.

The main fundraising event is still to come – a concert by Chase Orpheus Male Choir, with soloist Sharron Burns. It will be at St Luke's Church on Friday March 16, from 7.30pm. There will be one interval and it will end at 9.30, with refreshments served in the church centre.

Soroptimists are supporting the hospice through the Cannock Friends of St Giles.

It costs £322 to fund an inpatient bed for a day, so the hospice and Friends group are grateful for any support.

The Midlands Air Ambulance is responsible for funding and operating three Air Ambulances serving Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire, Staffordshire, Worcestershire and the West Midlands. Some £6m is needed each year to keep its three Air Ambulances operational.

President Eileen is looking forward to a large audience so these charities can benefit.

Tickets are £7.5, available from St Luke's church centre, from Eileen on 01543 503375 or from Trish Mellor, 01543 578095.

### CLUB NEWS

## It's 'bon appetit' as pledge is renewed



Members of Lapley trefoil guild enjoy their meal at a French restaurant

LAPLEY Trefoil Guild enjoyed a relax and pamper evening at their January meeting. Hand massage, nail art, foot spas and various crafts were available to relax members.

In February the Guild held a French evening at a local restaurant. Everyone renewed their promise in French and thoroughly enjoyed both the food and the ambience.

The programme for the forthcoming year includes walks, a theatre visit, a cookout,

### LAPLEY TREFOIL GUILD

dancing, a village quiz, talks, visits to a stately home, food related events and carol singing. The guild will also be taking part in Olympic related events in the area.

The next meeting will be a demonstration and workshop on sugar paste modelling.

Anyone interested in joining Lapley Trefoil Guild is asked to contact the chairman Sheila Wellsbury on 01785 713384.

## Ladies taken through paces

### CHASSETOWN WI

THE February meeting saw a change in programme. Mrs Hazel Whitehouse stepped in at very short notice to take the members through a series of gentle exercises all performed while seated.

Performed to a selection of great popular music, the exercises contained lots of stretching and elements of co-ordination.

With the aid of two

brightly coloured feather dusters, the ladies each indulged in a laughter-making routine, with feathers flying all around.

Hazel is qualified to teach in this field and works with Age UK to help with mobility issues in the older generation but her regular classes in Lichfield also creates a

social network which is just as important.

The ladies had great fun and did not feel the least bit guilty when they scoffed the jam tarts that Angie had provided.

March 28 is the date for the AGM. This will be held in the Old Mining College, Queen Street, Chasetown at 7.15pm and there will also be a fish and chip supper.

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Celebrity Chef John Burton-Race will be conjuring culinary delights in the Cookery Theatre.

BBC TV's award-winning presenter James Wong will be on a mission to tempt gardeners into becoming more adventurous by growing exotic foods.

### Botanist

The renowned gardener and botanist, who will be giving daily talks in the Experts Theatre.

The show, at Stoneleigh Park, Warwickshire on March 16-18, aims to inspire growers and anyone seeking a slice of the "Good Life" to plan their year ahead with all manner of labour-saving products on display.

There will be chickens for sale with expert advice from poultry vet Victoria Roberts, polytunnels to help gardeners extend their growing season, and everything from bees, goats and pigs to seeds, sheds, wellies and wormeries.

Expert beekeepers will demonstrate collecting and processing honey, with top tips on how to keep the hive healthy, flourishing and free from disease.

The event will be holding "Potting Parties" where visitors can get advice on planting and growing. The British Pig Association will showcase native breeds of pigs and entertain families with daily ring demonstrations. For the children, the BPA's Junior Pig Club will stage their "Pig Olympics".

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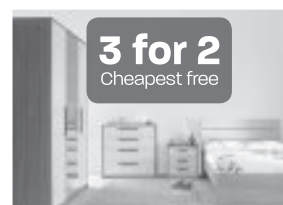
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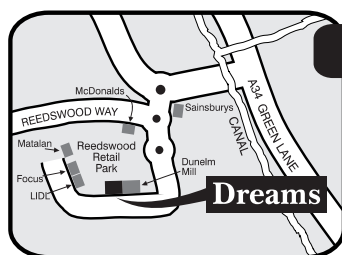
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# 'Town for a Pound' taxi idea is gaining support

## Tandem test for charity



**Graham and Jean Cornfield prepare for their tandem ride for charity**  
A COUPLE from Walsall are appealing for cyclists to join them on a tandem bike ride to raise funds for Diabetes UK.

Graham Cornfield, aged 52, of Harden Road, is aiming to complete a 107-mile bike ride, which will start from Four Ashes and take him through Ironbridge and Church Stretton, on April 1. His wife Jean, 53, who is a special needs teaching assistant at Harden Primary School

in Walsall, will be joining him for part of the ride.

The owner of Walsall-based Intandem Management Solutions said: "I am looking for people to help me with the other sections. People can also join in on their own bikes. I did a 92-mile tandem bike ride last year for Walsall Hospice."

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**PLANS** to allow people to flag down a taxi and travel into Walsall town centre for just £1 can push ahead after licensing chiefs backed the idea.

It is hoped the 'Town for a Pound' scheme will help increase trade for hackney carriage drivers and boost trade for town centre shops. Licensing chiefs have said it is a "win-win situation" for all.

Now, taxi bosses are pushing ahead with the necessary steps to bring the scheme into force. Mirza Khalid, chairman of the Hackney Carriage Association in Walsall, said the scheme aimed at combating the "dead mileage" of journeys back to the rank.

Mr Khalid explained: "This would help drum up a bit more business and make the most of the dead mileage as we drive back to the taxi rank. This would also bring more people into the town, which is good thing given the number of empty shops in Walsall town centre at the moment."

"We are suffering a little bit since Tesco moved out of the town but we hope this, and the new Primark and Co-op that are going to be built will help."

Mr Khalid is now set to get in touch with licensing officers and regulators.

Under the scheme, hackney carriage drivers could be flagged down on their way back to the ranks. They would then charge £1 for the journey, regardless of how many people were on board. All other journeys would be charged as normal.

The Town for a Pound scheme has already proved successful in Bradford.

Chairman of the licensing committee Councillor Keith Sears, said: "We discussed this and thought it was a good idea."

## Parks open later

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Christ Church, in Burntwood, with Britain's smallest park in front of it



The smallest park in the UK, Church Road, Burntwood



Children, probably coming home from Sunday school, in Fairfields, opposite the church



An early photograph of Christ Church with no lychgate



A later photograph of Christ Church with the lychgate

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**THE** smallest park in Britain is situated adjacent to Christ Church in Burntwood.

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Queen Victoria was still in mourning after the recent death of Prince Albert, her husband. Quite who commissioned the park is unknown.

The three trees in the park are named Faith, Hope and Charity.

The church next to the Park was built in 1819/1820 on land given by Sir Robert Peel.

One of the photos shows it when



By Ron Bradbury

there was no Lych Gate. Another shows the Lych Gate after it was erected in 1931 in memory of the Rev Weston who died in 1929.

He had been the vicar from 1886 to 1922.

He is seen standing in the pulpit on one of the photos, which looks quite spooky with the light streaming through the window onto his white hair and long-flowing beard.

The houses opposite the church were built for staff at the St Matthews Hospital, which can be

seen in the background, and are known as Fairfields.

The children on the photograph are most likely coming out of Sunday School just up the road.

The school building was originally the Elizabeth Ball Charity School which was started by a Burntwood landowner who lived at Castle Bromwich.

The Charity still exists and funds are donated to local causes involving children.

The local Lords of the Manor were the Worthingtons of Maple Hayes, the famous brewing family of Burton upon Trent.

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A ghostly-looking Rev Watson in the pulpit of Christ Church

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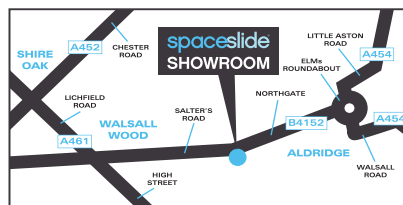
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# Fraudster fleeced firm to enjoy exotic holidays



Joanne Sheargold – driven by greed to steal £195,000

**A FRAUDSTER took her family on an exotic holiday on an Indian Ocean island as her former colleagues feared they would lose their jobs because of her massive financial crime.**

Joanne Sheargold – who spent a total of four years fleecing Aldridge-based bedroom furniture manufacturer Portico Midland out of almost £195,000 – was holidaying in the Maldives while workers were so concerned about their futures that bosses sent out an official statement assuring them that their jobs were safe despite of the theft.

The £25,000-a-year, three-day-a-week 40-year-old accounts manager used her personal access card to electronically funnel cash out of company funds, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Sheargold, from Walstead Road, Delves, Walsall, who has an 11-year-old daughter, admitted committing fraud between April 23, 2006, and January 15, 2008, by abusing her position as accounts manager with Portico by falsely representing payments to herself as legitimate.

She also pleaded guilty to both committing fraud on March 16, 2009, relating to payments to Fresh Space and a similar offence between November 20, 2008, and

February 11, 2010, in relation to payments to NGPO.

Sheargold was jailed for two years and nine months by Judge John Warner. He told her: "You were not a lady of good character because this was not the first time you had behaved dishonestly in the workplace."

Andy Gough, who runs the Northgate firm that employs 60, with his brother Jon said: "We were all shocked by the scale of the betrayal. She had always been involved on staff nights out and been friendly with all her colleagues."

## Smiling

"It hit them especially hard because she carried out this theft while smiling at them."

Jon Gough, who runs Portico with his brother Andy, added: "We now discover that she had been on holiday to places like Florida as well as the Maldives with the money she stole. Unashamed greed drove Sheargold."

The company had been launched just a year before Sheargold joined in 2003. They had no idea that just months earlier she had admitted stealing over £14,000 from her former employer, Morgan Devey Associates in Birmingham.

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## Film star image on show



Artist Gary Morgan with his painting of local film star Richard Wattis

A PORTRAIT of a Black Country-born film and TV star has gone on show, marking the 100th anniversary of his birth on February 25.

Richard Wattis was born in Hollies Drive and people can now see a large portrait of the late actor at Wednesbury Art Gallery.

Mr Wattis, who died in 1975,

starred in more than 100 films, including the classic St Trinian's movies and gave a performance opposite Marilyn Monroe and Laurence Olivier in 1957's The Prince and The Showgirl. He also appeared in such TV series as Hancock's Half Hour, Sykes, The Prisoner and The Goodies.

## Health boss thanks public over ward ban

HEALTH chiefs in Walsall have thanked visitors for their patience during the recent norovirus outbreak at the Manor Hospital.

A visitor ban on all wards was imposed for a period as bosses sought to control the contagious bug which hit three wards.

Medical director Amir Khan said: "The early action we took to close the hospital to all visitors to patients enabled us to contain the spread of the infection to just a few wards. I would like to once again offer my thanks to the public for their support and patience whilst the visiting restrictions were in place."

## Spread

But bosses warn that norovirus is spreading throughout the community and are urging visitors to patients on any hospital wards to stay away for at least 48 hours if they are, or have been, affected by vomiting and diarrhoea.

Even after the symptoms have cleared up people may still carry the virus and infect others for up to three days.

Mr Khan added: "Washing or cleansing your hands is such a simple task but it can make a huge contribution to preventing and reducing the spread of infections like norovirus. Sick people are more susceptible to picking up infections."

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### Garden guru lends a hand

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The Walsall Housing Group (WHG) housing advisor's efforts, which included planting cuttings and shrubs from his own garden, earned him a reward for WHG workers who go that extra mile. Resident Phil McWatt, 57, said: "Without Alan's help, we would not have achieved what we have."



Phil McWatt (left) with Walsall garden guru Alan Haynes

## Metal raid trio must work and pay for damage done to church roof

**THREE men who were caught stripping lead from a church roof have been ordered to pay compensation and do unpaid work as punishment for their crime.**

Hundreds of pounds worth of damage was caused to St Paul's Church after the thieves struck in the early hours. David Jones and Lee Moreton, both of Darlaston, and Ryan Bedworth, of Birchills, admitted the theft in Darwall Street.

A total of £264 worth of damage was caused and the trio were on Friday sen-

tenced to community orders and to also pay costs at Walsall Magistrates Court.

Two of them were spotted by a worker at Hi's N Lows, a voluntary organisation at the church which helps the homeless and people with alcohol and drug issues, on February 3.

She heard footsteps on the roof and called police.

### Compensation

Officers found and arrested the defendants at the church and strips of lead which had been removed were recovered.

Jones, aged 22, Moreton, 18, both of Old Park Road, and Bedworth, 19, of

Green Lane, admitted the theft at a previous hearing.

Ranjit Sandhu, defending all three, said it had not been a sophisticated or well planned offence but was carried out due to a lack of food and money. He added the aim had been to sell lead to obtain cash to buy necessities.

Magistrates ordered Bedworth and Jones to do 100 hours of unpaid work and Moreton to complete 80 hours. They were ordered to pay £50 costs each and compensation of £88 to cover the costs.

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# Concern over 'disruption' for market

**WORK on a £30 million shopping centre revamp in Walsall should stop during peak trading hours in the day, market traders say.**

Plans to transform the Old Square Shopping Centre will create a brand new Primark and Co-op.

Fears were voiced that the market will be split in two and traders will lose income after it was announced that some stalls will have to move during the work.

Tony Lerner, chairman of the Market Traders Association has hit out at the scheme. He says it will cause "massive disruption".

Mr Lerner believes up to half of the 100 stalls may be affected by the plans when it is thought stalls could move to the market's previous pitch in Digbeth.

Mr Lerner, who said he met with council officers to discuss the proposals, said: "There has been a lot of concern that the market will be split in half and worries over people's livelihoods. I've asked for vehicles not be allowed on site between 10am and 3pm.

"It would be a massive improvement if they are not disrupting the main flow of pedestrians between those times."

## Minister opens bakery



Lord Green visits Perfection Foods and has a go at icing, watched by director Balwinder Singh Bath

A GOVERNMENT minister said it was an honour to open a new bakery factory which will create 70 new jobs in Walsall.

Lord Stephen Green, minister for trade and investment, was surrounded by dozens of VIP guests last week as he unveiled a plaque to officially open Perfection Foods Ltd's second factory, near junction nine of the M6.

The new site at Walsall Enterprise Park will concentrate on baking cakes for export, while the factory in Friar Park Road, Wednesbury, will focus on the domestic market.

### Export

Lord Green said it was a huge honour to open a "very exciting development".

But he said it was still early days for the 12-year-old business which intends to expand its export operations from within Europe to countries such as Libya.

He added: "The best is yet to come."

The firm has acquired a third site in Leicester for future expansion.

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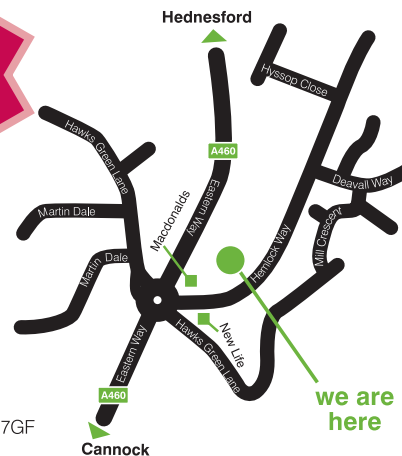


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# Grand reunion for the Birds of a Feather



Birds of a Feather back together, from left, Pauline Quirke, Lesley Joseph and Linda Robson

**THE ORIGINAL Essex girls are coming to Wolverhampton Grand for the Birds of a Feather reunion.**

The TV sit-com hit from the 1990s created by Laurence Marks and Maurice Gran will be brought up-to-date on stage as the TV sisters Sharon and Tracey, again played by Linda Robson and the new slimline Pauline Quirke, are reunited with man-eating neighbour Dorien, Lesley Joseph. Fans will get the chance to discover what the Chigwell trio have been up to over the past 14 years when the new play is staged at the Lichfield Street venue from Monday, March 19, to Saturday, March 24.

Linda Robson, who played Sharon Theodopolopoulos, who like her sister had a criminal husband serving time, told how the reunion came about and blossomed into a UK tour. "There's been talk of us getting together for a while, which started off with a few phone calls to check if everyone was interested," she said. "The next stage was to have meetings and then look at our diaries as our schedules are all so hectic. We all agreed that we would only do it if we were all available.

## Present

"The show is going to be set in the present, so audiences will see what Sharon, Tracey and Dorien have been up to in the last 14 years and what they're doing now."

Linda, a regular guest panelist with Loose Women and one of the Grumpy Old Women, added: "We've been working with the original writers from the show, so there's plenty of comedy and drama. Audiences definitely won't be disappointed."

## Chicago razzle dazzles

Chicago, New Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham

SOAP stars turn song-and-dance sensations in the new touring production of sexy jazz musical Chicago. Kander and Ebb's black comedy about murderous dames in 1920s Illinois.

This show oozes West End class and the leading ladies, Ali Bastian (Hollywood) as Roxie Hart and Tuptele Dorgu (Coronation Street) as Velma Kelly, are both hot stuff. EastEnders gets in on the act with Stefan Booth playing the crooning death row puppet master as slick lawyer Billy Flynn. Bernice Nolan is too nice to convince as the jailhouse's Mama Morton but her voice is powerful, as those who saw TV's Popstar to Operastar will know. The jazz band are a treat.

Go get razzle dazzled before Chicago finishes its run on Saturday. **LB**

## Right on Q for fun musical

Avenue Q, Wolverhampton Grand

AVENUE Q is classed as Sesame Street for grown ups. It is certainly not your average musical.

Its appeal is youthfulness and puppets that are skilfully manipulated by clearly visible actors who deliver the dialogue and songs.

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These characters include a gay banker, a Miss Piggy-like sex goddess, a teaching assistant and an English Lit student, who deal with such complex issues as racism and sexism.

The tongue-in-cheek script and hilarious lyrics to the catchy tunes were a delight and delivered superbly by a talented cast. An imaginatively used set added to this avenue of excellence.

**Les Jowett**

## A few giggles but girls' night out show lacks comic momentum

Hormonal Housewives

Coming to Birmingham and Lichfield on tour

THE 99 per cent female audience at Shrewsbury's Theatre Severn were up for a girls' night out at a show which promised a cross between Loose Women and The Vagina Monologues. What they got were a few giggles and too few belly laughs. The three performers tried hard to make up for mediocre material which said nothing new or insightful about the female condition. They went through the usual topics - childbirth, feminine hygiene and the shortcomings of men.

Margi Clarke provided slapstick, Laura Checkley gurned and co-writer Julie Coombe took the lead through anecdotes and sketches that were hit-and-miss. A tirade of anti-male jokes hit the spot (unlike most men, apparently) but the below-par sketches robbed the show of comic momentum. **Leon Burakowski**

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### THE JONATHAN ROSS SHOW

ITV1, 9pm

Wossy has gone up against his fair share of Hollywood A-listers in his time, but will he have what it takes to hold his own against Jack Bauer himself, Kiefer Sutherland? The former 24 star is dropping in to discuss his new venture, the Sky1 series Touch, in which he plays a single father in New York whose mute son is trying to communicate through mysterious numbers and codes. Also dropping in for a chat is Mamma Mia! actress Amanda Seyfried, who no doubt will find time to talk about her new film, the thriller Gone, which is released later in the month. Singer-songwriter Paul Weller provides the music.

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.35** Rachel Allen: Home Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** Swimming. **2.00** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Wales v Italy (Kick-off 2.30pm). **4.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Ireland v Scotland (Kick-off 5.00pm).

**6.55** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**7.10** Let's Dance for Sport Relief. With Rowland Rivron, Fatima Whitbread, and Suzi Perry and Oris Deley. Music is provided by Will Young and LMFAO.

**8.30** The National Lottery: In It to Win It. New series. Dale Winton hosts the quiz show in which five contestants answer questions to scoop a big prize. John Partridge presents the Lotto and Thunderball draws.

**9.20** Casualty. Part two of three. Anton becomes increasingly paranoid that Stevie will talk to the police, and resorts to extreme measures to ensure his silence.

**10.10** BBC News; Weather.

**10.30** Match of the Day. Including highlights of Bolton Wanderers v Queens Park Rangers; National Lottery Update.

**11.40** The Football League Show. Highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Brighton & Hove Albion v Portsmouth.

**12.55** Weatherview. **1.00** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **12.00** The Sky at Night. (R) **12.40** Film: In Search of the Castaways. (1962) Children's adventure, starring Hayley Mills. **2.15** Film: The War Bride. (2001) Wartime drama, starring Anna Friel. **4.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **4.30** Final Score. **5.30** Flog It!

**6.30** Dad's Army. An enemy aircraft ditches close to the town. (R)

**7.00** The Story of Light Entertainment. How stars of radio made the transition to TV, taking with them new entertainment formats and shows like Little Britain and Hancock's Half-Hour. (R)

**8.00** The Story of Musicals. Popular culture's influence on British musical theatre since the 1990s, from Jason Donovan's West End debut as Joseph to 'jukebox musicals' such as Mamma Mia! Last in the series.

**9.00** I'm a Pop Star! Life as a solo singer, with contributions by Kylie Minogue and Will Young. Last in the series.

**10.10** TOTP2: Pop Stars. Performances by Cliff Richard, Madonna, Justin Bieber and Rihanna.

**11.00** The Sarah Millican Television Programme. The comedienne presents TV-based stand-up and chat. (R)

**11.30** FILM: The Stepford Wives. (2004) Black comedy remake, starring Nicole Kidman.

**1.00** Film: Spider. (2002) Thriller, with Ralph Fiennes. **2.35** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** This Morning: Saturday. **12.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.40** Film: Innerspace. (1987) Sci-fi comedy, starring Dennis Quaid. **3.55** Film: Evan Almighty. (2007) Comedy sequel, starring Steve Carell. **5.35** Regional News; Weather. **5.45** ITV News; Weather.

**6.00** All Star Family Fortunes. Wild at Heart's Dawn Steele (Alice Trevanion) and Dancing on Ice judge Robin Cousins team up with their relatives in a bid to win a large cash prize for charity. Vernon Kay hosts.

**7.00** All New You've Been Framed! Harry Hill narrates camcorder calamities.

**7.30** Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights.

**8.00** Take Me Out. An athlete, a farmer and a rock musician try to impress 30 single women, and last week's couples go on their dates.

**9.00** The Jonathan Ross Show. With Kiefer Sutherland, Amanda Seyfried and Paul Weller.

**10.10** ITV News; Weather. **10.15** FILM: The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift. (2006) Motor-racing adventure, starring Lucas Black.

**12.05** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV News. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

**6.05** Sali Mali. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Grid. **7.00** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **10.30** T4: New Girl. (R) **11.00** T4: Charlie's Angels. **11.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.50** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **4.05** Channel 4 News. **4.25** 4thought.tv. **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me. (R)

**6.00** Come Dine with Me. Aly Nicholson hosts the penultimate dinner party in Peterborough. (R)

**6.35** Come Dine with Me. Ricky Dent throws the final party in Peterborough. (R)

**7.05** Come Date with Me. Four bachelors compete for the affections of 26-year-old Elle Bretagne.

**8.00** Big Fat Gypsy Weddings. Travellers who have found romance outside their own community. (R)

**9.00** The Bank Job. George Lamb invites the most successful contestants back to the London bank vault for a chance to win even more money.

**10.30** FILM: Orphan. (2009) Horror, starring Vera Farmiga.

**12.45** The Secret Policeman's Ball 2012. (R) **2.40** Lucky Escape. (R) **2.45** Film: You, The Living. (2007) Comedy drama, starring Jessica Lundberg. **4.20** Reaper. (R) **5.00** 90210. (R) **5.40** Countdown. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.20** Police Interceptors. (R) **11.20** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R) **12.25** Film: Madron. (1970) Western, starring Richard Boone. **2.15** Film: Blood Alley. (1955) Action adventure, starring John Wayne. **4.30** Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne.

**7.15** 5 News Weekend. **7.20** NCIS. The family of a child who finds a gun suspected of being a murder weapon at a naval base comes under suspicion, leaving the team to discover who used it last. (R)

**8.15** NCIS. The team investigates the deaths of a radio DJ and naval officer. (R)

**9.15** CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. One of Langston's former students is found dead, raising the suspicion that her thesis – investigating the murders of three women 11 years previously – could have made her a target. (R)

**10.10** CSI: NY. A party ends in tragedy when the hostess is killed in what appears to be an accident, and Danville takes on the case of a serial rapist who previously eluded her.

**11.10** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A teenager is found burned to death.

**12.05** SuperCasino. **4.00** Nick's Quest. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2**  
**2.05** American Idol **4.50** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **7.00** Film: Richie Rich. (1994) Family comedy, starring Macaulay Culkin. **9.00** Take Me Out – The Gossip **9.45** Celebrity Juice **10.30** Film: Daylight. (1996) Disaster movie, starring Sylvester Stallone.

**ITV3**  
**2.45** A Touch of Frost **5.00** Life with Judy Garland: Me and My Shadows **6.55** Rosemary & Thyme **8.00** Doc Martin **9.00** Lewis **11.00** Those Who Kill

**ITV4**  
**1.25** Film: Thunderball (1965) **4.05** Film: Kelly's Heroes (1970) **7.00** The Sweeney **8.00** Minder **9.00** Film: Assassins (1995) Thriller, starring Sylvester Stallone and Antonio Banderas. **11.40** Film: The Black Windmill. (1974) Spy thriller, starring Michael Caine.

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** Doctor Who **8.35** Top Gear **9.35** Live at the Apollo **10.10** Film: Deep Impact (1998)

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** The Golden Age of Canals **8.00** Sicily Unpacked **9.00** Inspector Montalbano **10.55** Top of the Pops: The Story of 1977 **11.55** Horizon: To Infinity and Beyond

**E4**  
**1.35** Hollyoaks **4.10** Perfect Couples **4.40** Scrubs **5.35** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Rules of Engagement **8.30** Happy Endings **9.00** Film: The Wedding Date (2005) **10.45** The Big Bang Theory **11.40** The Cleveland Show

**FILM4**  
**2.55** Swiss Family Robinson (1960) **5.25** Freaky Friday (1976) **7.20** Dumb and Dumber: When Harry Met Lloyd. (2003) Comedy prequel, starring Eric Christian Olsen and Derek Richardson. **9.00** (500) Days of Summer. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Zooey Deschanel. **10.50** Carriers (2009)

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### WILD AT HEART

ITV1, 8.30pm

As the series comes to an end, strange things are happening at Leopard's Den. When aren't they? But with Danny about to leave for the UK, it seems there are signs aplenty urging him to stay. Frogs have seemingly rained down overnight, the giraffe refuses to budge from the front gate and the cheetah has lost its appetite. After all he has been through over there it seems remarkable that he wants to investigate, but Danny jumps at the chance to have one last adventure before his return home — tracking a lioness that attacked a tourist — but it could end in tragedy. Meanwhile, Du Plessis makes an alarming discovery about Ed and Fiona.

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.45** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. From Manor CE School in York. **11.00** Sunday Politics: Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.05** Match of the Day Live. Middlesbrough v Leeds United (Kick-off 12.15pm). **2.30** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. France v England (Kick-off 3.00pm). **5.10** Songs of Praise. **5.45** Land Girls. (R)

**6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

**7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker and Julia Bradbury explore north Kent, John Craven investigates the impact staple foods have on the environment and Adam Henson prepares his farm for spring.

**8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Fiona Bruce and the team visit the Weald & Downland Open Air Museum in Chichester.

**9.00** Upstairs Downstairs. Spargo signs up for a boxing tournament to impress Beryl.

**10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Room 101 — Extra Storage. With John Prescott, Rebecca Front and Micky Flanagan. Last in the series.

**11.05** Would I Lie to You? With Ronnie Corbett, Sarah Millican, Holly Walsh and Julian Clary. (R)

**11.35** The Celebrity Apprentice USA. The two finalists throw a VIP party. Last in the series.

**1.40** Weatherview. **1.45** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **2.25** Hobby City. (R) **3.25** The Last Explorers. (R) **4.25** BBC News.

**6.00** CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **10.05** Flog It! **11.05** Escape to the Country. (R) **12.05** EastEnders. **2.00** Film: The Mosquito Coast. (1986) Drama, starring Harrison Ford. **3.50** Film: First Knight. (1995) Arthurian adventure, starring Sean Connery.

**6.00** I'm a Pop Star! Life as a solo singer, with contributions by Kylie Minogue and Will Young. Last in the series. (R)

**7.00** World's Most Dangerous Roads. Ben Fogle and Hugh Dennis undertake a perilous journey through the Peruvian Andes, driving along dirt roads and remote mountain trails. Last in the series. (R)

**8.00** Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to go motor racing for less than it costs to play golf. With rock star Slash and F1 driver Kimi Raikkonen. Last in the series.

**9.00** Orbit: Earth's Extraordinary Journey. From January to the March equinox.

**10.00** Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Manchester United v West Bromwich Albion.

**11.10** Rugby Union: Six Nations Highlights. Action from the penultimate weekend of the championship.

**11.55** FILM: A Boy Called Dad. (2009) Premiere. Drama, starring Ian Hart and Kyle Ward.

**1.15** Film: The Wackness. (2008) Comedy drama, starring Ben Kingsley. **2.50** BBC News. **4.25** Close.

**6.00** CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. (R) **10.30** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.30** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.30** ITV News; Weather. **12.40** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **1.45** Film: Columbo Goes to College. (1991) Detective drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.40** Midsomer Murders. (R) **5.40** Regional News; Weather. **5.55** ITV News; Weather.

**6.10** You've Been Framed! (R)

**6.40** Harry Hill's TV Burp. Comic review of the week's small-screen highlights. (R)

**7.15** Dancing on Ice. The five remaining celebrities incorporate props into their routines as they battle for places in next week's semi-final.

**8.30** Wild at Heart. Strange things are happening at Leopard's Den as Danny prepares to leave for the UK. Du Plessis makes an alarming discovery about Ed and Fiona. Last in the series.

**9.30** Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.

**10.05** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Whitechapel. Part two of two. Miles and Chandler struggle to put aside their differences. Last in the series. (R)

**11.15** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union. Highlights of the semi-finals of the cup competition.

**12.10** The Zone: ITV News Headlines. **2.40** River Monsters. (R) **3.30** ITV Nightscreen. **5.35** ITV Morning News.

**6.25** The Hoobs. (R) **6.50** The Hoobs. (R) **7.20** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.45** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **8.10** T4: The Crush. **8.45** T4: Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.20** T4: Frasier. (R) **9.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **11.30** T4: Channel 4 Presents — 2012: David Clarke — Part Two. (R) **11.35** Live Athletics. The World Indoor Championships. **4.00** The Simpsons. (R) **4.30** Deal or No Deal. **5.30** Come Dine with Me.

**6.30** Channel 4 News. **7.00** 4thought.tv. **7.05** Home of the Future.

The Pererats try out a selection of health-related gadgets. Last in the series.

**8.00** Searching for Shakespeare's House: A Time Team Special. Tony Robinson and the team dig at the site of New Place, the home of William Shakespeare in Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire, to reveal how large the Bard's house actually was.

**9.00** Homeland. Brody's increasingly erratic behaviour threatens his status as a national hero, and Carrie searches for evidence linking him to Abu Nazir.

**10.00** FILM: The Final Destination. (2009) Premiere. Horror sequel, starring Bobby Campo.

**11.40** FILM: Wolf. (1994) Romantic horror, with Jack Nicholson and Michelle Pfeiffer.

**2.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **3.20** Hollyoaks. (R) **5.30** 90210. (R)

**6.00** Milkshake! Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowerlots. (R) **6.25** City of Friends. (R) **6.35** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **7.25** Family! (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.45** Mio Mao. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.15** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.30** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **8.45** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **10.55** Stansfeld: The Inside Story. (R) **11.55** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.55** Film: Sabrina the Teenage Witch. (1996) Supernatural comedy, starring Melissa Joan Hart. **2.45** Film: Cheaper by the Dozen. (2003) Family comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. **4.35** Film: Are We There Yet? (2005) Family comedy, starring Ice Cube.

**6.20** FILM: Men in Black II. (2002) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith and Tommy Lee Jones.

**8.00** Big Bad Squad. (R) **8.55** 5 News. **9.00** FILM: Layer Cake. (2004) Crime thriller, starring Daniel Craig.

**11.10** FILM: The Boys from Brazil. (1978) Thriller, starring Laurence Olivier.

**1.35** SuperCasino. **3.55** Europa League Football. **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

**ITV2**  
**3.30** The Cube **4.30** All Star Family Fortunes **5.15** Film: The Scorpion King (2002) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack. (2003) Comedy, starring Jerry O'Connell and Anthony Anderson. **9.00** Benidorm **10.00** Film: Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels. (1998) Comedy crime thriller, starring Nick Moran.

**ITV3**  
**3.50** Film: Carry On Cowboy (1966) **5.50** Agatha Christie's Poirot **9.00** Foyle's War. A pro-Hitler organisation is investigated. **11.00** Cracker

**ITV4**  
**3.20** Film: The Rawhide Years (1956) **5.10** Film: Rio Bravo (1959) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Film: The Black Windmill. (1974) Spy thriller, starring Michael Caine. **11.15** Film: Death Wish V: The Face of Death. (1994) Thriller sequel, starring Charles Bronson.

**BBC THREE**  
**7.00** Let's Dance for Sport Relief **8.00** The Secrets of Everything **9.00** Being Human **10.00** Pramface **10.30** Family Guy **11.15** American Dad!

**BBC FOUR**  
**7.00** Songwriters' Circle: American Folk **8.00** She Wolves: England's Early Queens **9.00** Film: Frost/Nixon. (2008) Fact-based drama, starring Frank Langella and Michael Sheen. **10.55** Film: Birdwatchers. (2008) Premiere. Brazilian drama, starring Abriso da Silva Pedro.

**E4**  
**4.20** Samantha Who? **4.50** Being Erica **5.50** 90210 **6.45** Film: Night at the Museum (2006) **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

**FILM4**  
**2.55** The Parent Trap (1961) **5.30** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **7.20** Zoolander (2001) **9.00** Kiss the Girls (1997) **11.15** Equilibrium (2002)

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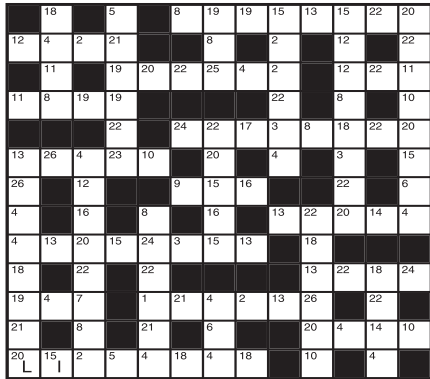
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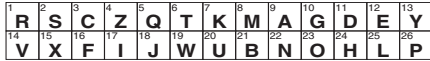
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

- Yet it takes longer if completed without a hitch! (4)
- Distressing changes to a musical (10)
- Reason it out with a foreign girl (8)
- Dance back with a sly look (4)
- Give way concerning a fast time (6)
- Adds up to salt, in a way (6)
- The horses in the racket (6)
- Transfer as token (6)
- Thought I'd half of each (4)
- There's no end to these feline types (4,4)
- A polite refusal (2,5,3)
- At bottom, worthless (4)

## Down

- Though concerned, possibly resented it (10)
- Return from the choir (4)
- It's more than obvious; it's expressing dissatisfaction (6)
- I'm given a role to communicate (6)
- They make the least and the most effort on the track (8)
- Ruler in somewhat sardonic mood (4)
- Supplies information to ten in broken English (10)
- Yet they could be the happiest inscriptions! (8)
- The village minister holds twins (6)
- Troubles any son will produce (6)
- Travellers may seek them in opposite directions (4)
- A stunning card (4)

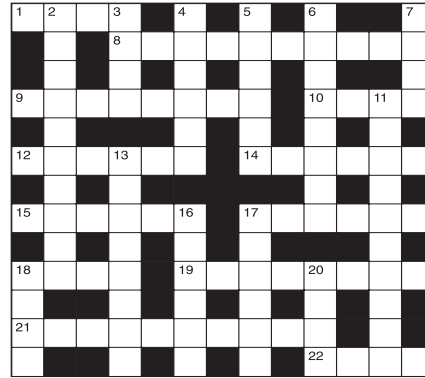
## Quick Clues:

## Across

- Fling (4)
- Gratification (10)
- Oblique (8)
- Below (4)
- Load (6)
- Threefold (6)
- Bondman (6)
- Banish (6)
- Nil (4)
- Quarter-circle (8)
- Disquiet (10)
- Trial (4)

## Down

- Able to express oneself clearly (10)
- Weary (4)
- Abut (6)
- Harmful influence (6)
- Decapitated (8)
- Low (4)
- Desert (10)
- Perfidious (8)
- Fluid (6)
- Crown (6)
- Jupiter (4)
- Repose (4)



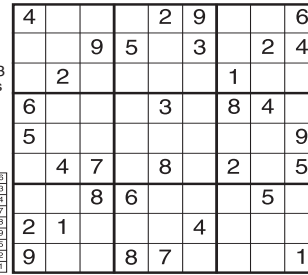
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CRYPTIC - Across: 7 Alone; 8 Oratory; 9 Tumbler; 10 Ditto; 12 Accelerate; 15 Leave well; 18 Yacht; 19 Valises; 21 Palaver; 22 Steam. Down: 1 Tastefully; 2 Forms; 3 Reel; 4 Source; 5 Hand-bell; 6 Portray; 11 Open-sesame; 13 Creative; 14 Parcels; 16 Waves; 17 Aster; 20 Lost. QUICK - Across: 7 Naive; 8 Elegant; 9 Treadle; 10 Alike; 12 Settlement; 15 Exasperate; 18 Tango; 19 Visitor; 21 Discern; 22 Amiss. Down: 1 Instrument; 2 Miser; 3 Mend; 4 Defeat; 5 Decadent; 6 Mariner; 11 Enterprize; 13 Employed; 14 Earnest; 16 Ravine; 17 Strip; 20 Stay.

## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;



## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



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#### 48 MARSHALL ROAD, WILLEHALL

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Guide: £75,000 / £80,000  
VIEWING: FRIDAY 9th & SATURDAY 10th MARCH @ 11.30 a.m.



#### 440 BIRMINGHAM NEW ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Large Three bed Semi with Garage and enclosed rear garden

Guide: £78,000 / £83,000  
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#### 80 CANTERBURY ROAD, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

Attractive Semi-Detached Residence in popular location, block paved drive providing off road parking, Hall, Two Reception Rooms (one extended), impressive Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom with white suite

Enclosed Rear Garden  
Guide: £145,000 / £150,000  
VIEWING: FRIDAY 9th MARCH @ 2.30 p.m. & SATURDAY 10th MARCH @ 11.00 a.m.



#### 48 CHURCH HILL, PENN, WOLVERHAMPTON

Desirably situated Detached Residence. Enclosed Porch, Hall, Cloakroom, Through Lounge with Dining Area, Kitchen, Lobby/Utility, Galleried Landing, Three Double Bedrooms, spacious Bathroom Heating to radiators as fitted Garage, enclosed Rear Garden

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#### 91 BUSHBURY LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Attractive Mid Terraced Home in convenient location, Lounge, Inner Hall, Dining Room, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms and Bathroom with white suite. Vehicular access to rear, long rear Garden.

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#### 73 MORETON ROAD, BUSHBURY, WOLVERHAMPTON

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Guide Price £30,000-£40,000

This purpose built first floor maisonette offering an ideal opportunity for an investor and the property is currently let on a recent 12 month assured shorthold tenancy. The property benefits from gas fired central heating and double glazing and comprises:- Entrance Hall, Landing, Lounge, Kitchen, Bedroom and Shower Room. The property is let on an assured shorthold tenancy commencing 12th January 2012 at £350 per calendar month in respect to Mr Wayne Spittle.

**66 Birmingham Road,**  
**Walsall WS1 7NE**

Viewing: 8th, 15th, 24th, 29th March and 5th April all at 11.45 am



Guide Price £250,000-£275,000

This traditionally styled detached family residence is situated in a highly sought after residential area in South Walsall and offers truly spacious well planned living accommodation in need of improvement and modernisation. Boasting many of its original features the property is in an elevated position overlooking Mayfield playing fields and offers spacious, well planned living accommodation situated close to Walsall town centre. The property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Kitchen, Lobby, W.C./Utility, Five Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens.

**64 Mount Pleasant,**  
**Bilston WV14 7NE**

Viewing: Strictly by appointment through Auctioneers on 01922-615222



Guide Price £56,000-£66,000

This traditionally styled end of terrace residence is situated within a short distance of Bilston town centre offering parking and other facilities. Ideally suited to the needs of a first time buyer or investor the property comprises:- Entrance Hall, Reception Hall, Lounge, Living Room, Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Shower Room, Three Bedrooms, Blue brick yard provides access to Rear Garden.

**3 Pine Close,**  
**Wolverhampton WV3 0UT**

Viewing: 13th, 20th, 27th March, 3rd and 10th April all at 12.00 pm



Guide Price £70,000-£80,000

A modern mid terrace property with the benefit of gas fired central heating and double glazing set in a quiet cul-de-sac within a short distance of Wolverhampton city centre making an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor. Set back from the road behind a lawned fore garden with an enclosed rear garden the property comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Dining Area, Kitchen, Lounge, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, W.C.



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# Make her day a special one with a garden gift

**SPRING** is a perfect time to blow away the cobwebs and venture outdoors - so any Mother's Day presents with an emphasis on the garden will be welcomed by green-fingered enthusiasts.

It doesn't just have to be about gardening chores. Your mum might fancy an inspirational day out for the whole family. With this in mind, an RHS gift membership may be just the ticket.

RHS gift membership gives the recipient a year of free garden visits to share, The Garden magazine monthly, discounted garden show tickets and priority bookings and one-to-one gardening advice from RHS experts. The membership comes wrapped up and ready to give away, so she'll have something to open on the day. (£51, call 0845 130 4646 or visit [www.rhs.org.uk](http://www.rhs.org.uk))

## Storage

Of course there's a plethora of more practical gardening gifts, such as sturdy and stylish stainless steel tools including fork and trowel, from Wilkinson Sword. Guaranteed for 10 years, they have weatherproof ash handles and polished stainless steel tool heads, while each has a handy leather strap for easy storage. (£10.99 each, for more information call 0845 894 1599 or go online to visit the website at [www.wilkinsonsword-tools.co.uk](http://www.wilkinsonsword-tools.co.uk))

If your mum likes her blades sharp, secateurs, axes and even kitchen knives which have gone blunt may benefit from Fiskars Xsharp axe and knife sharpener, which can be brought inside for sharpening blades in the home as well as used for garden tools. (£13.99, from B&Q, Homebase and many good garden centres and hardware stores)

However, if she loves a bit of romance, invest in the 2012 Rose of the Year from Mattocks, called Rosa 'Moment in Time' ('Korcastav'),



Aztec planters in dark brown from [www.stewart-garden.co.uk](http://www.stewart-garden.co.uk)

named to commemorate both The Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympics. The plant, which features dark green glossy leaves, repeat flowers to produce intense ruby red flowers throughout summer. Performing best in full sun or part shade and fertile, well drained soil, it will reach an eventual height and spread of 60x40cm. (£13.99 per five litre pot. For stockist information, visit [www.mattocks.co.uk](http://www.mattocks.co.uk))

Keeping roses and other blooms in mind, footwear has now jumped on the bandwagon to offer a range of garden-orientated outdoor shoes in flower prints. Among the best are the selection of flower-print and veg-print shoes made of plastic which won't crack or perish, to

simply leave by the back door in case you decide to venture out, priced £18 from the website at [www.backdoorshoes.co.uk](http://www.backdoorshoes.co.uk)

Create a warm ambience with lighting and candles. Delightful and enchanting floating rainbow tealight balls will brighten up any pond or water feature. Made from 100 per cent recycled glass, they are hand blown and frost proof. (£14.99, at [www.home2garden.co.uk](http://www.home2garden.co.uk) or call 01923 492 947)

If your mum has tired of hanging baskets and wants an alternative way to brighten up outside walls, there is plenty of wall art on the market.

Brighten up house walls with some glass bead candle wall art from Gardman. (£24.99,



RHS membership gives access to gardens for a year

[www.gardman.co.uk](http://www.gardman.co.uk) For stockists phone 01406 372 227)

Garden sculpture and eye-catching ornamental pots are ever popular to create a focal point in the garden or add some wow factor to a patio. A new range of Stewart Garden Aztec planters may fit the bill.

They're made of plastic but look like clay and the lower weight makes them easy to pick up and move around the garden when the seasons change, while the non-crack, non-absorbent material means more water gets to the plant instead of the container.

They're available in three planter sizes and an 80cm trough, in two colours, sandstone and dark brown. (From £24.99. For information,



Furniture painted in colours from the Garden Shades Colour Mixing service

## Red wood – or any other you could imagine for that matter

CUPRINOL has launched a new Garden Shades Colour Mixing service, thought to be a first for woodcare.

The service offers 26 new colours, including everything from traditional, earthy garden greens to bolder and brighter pinks and purples. They're available at Dulux paint-mixing machines in DIY stores.

For more details, see [www.cuprinol.co.uk](http://www.cuprinol.co.uk) where you can buy tester pots.

go to the website [www.stewart-garden.co.uk](http://www.stewart-garden.co.uk))

If you want to give her something more exclusive, Acanthus Stoneware creates hand-made pieces for the home and garden, which will weather beautifully.

You could fill an Acanthus Georgian tazza, a beautiful, decorative urn, with her favourite plants for her garden, conservatory or patio to create a striking and lasting focal point. (£90, excluding pedestal and delivery. Visit the website [www.acanthus-stoneware.co.uk](http://www.acanthus-stoneware.co.uk) or call 01773 540 704)

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Office, Retail/Leisure unit available from 650 sqft. Situated within the principal retail area of Cannock Town Centre. Large shop frontage to Wolverhampton Road with on site parking to the rear of the property. Available on flexible terms.

**TO LET**  
Bridgton Business Centre  
Bridgton, Cannock  
Office, Retail/Leisure units available from 250 sqft. Situated on the main retail parade within Bridgton, accessed via an archway from North Street. Allocated on site parking to central courtyard. Available on flexible terms.

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Office, Retail/Leisure units available from 7290 sqft located two miles south of Cannock Town Centre. Roller shutter door to the rear of the property, on site parking, close to all major arterial routes and available on flexible terms.

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Park Plaza  
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Office units available from smaller starter units 150 to 3645 sqft. Located to the east of Cannock Town Centre accessed from Hayes Way off the Eastern Way Bypass A460. Raised access flooring to offices with on site parking. Flexible terms.

**TO LET**  
Wynns Venture Centre  
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**Wolverhampton Wolverhampton Road**



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• 2 Bedrooms  
• Gas Central Heating  
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• 2 Bedrooms  
• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
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**Willenhall Dillows Lane**



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• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
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• Parking To The Rear  
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**Fenmere Close Wolverhampton**



• Extended, improved semi detached  
• 4 bedrooms (master with shower cubicle)  
• UPVC double glazing  
• Gas central heating  
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• 2 Bedrooms  
• Gas Central Heating  
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**Heathfield Lane West Darlaston**



• Spacious 3 Bedroom Semi Detached  
• Opportunity to Improve Accommodation  
• Almost Entirely Double Glazed  
• Gas Central Heating  
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**Walsall Quilter Close**



• 3 Bedroom Terrace House  
• No Upward Chain  
• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
OFFERS AROUND:  
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**All Saints Road Darlaston**



• 3 Bedroom Mid Terrace  
• Gas Central Heating (as specified)  
• No Upward Chain!  
• Lounge with cast Iron Fireplace  
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**Walsall Chetwynd Close**



• 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
• Lounge with Feature Fireplace  
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Viewing: 01902 633323 **£107,000**

**Wolverhampton Broad Lane South**



• 4 Bedroom Detached  
• Much Improved  
• Central Heating and Double Glazing  
• Solar Powered Water Heating  
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**Wolverhampton Broad Lane South**



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**Kennedy Crescent Darlaston**



• Well Presented 3 Bedroom Semi Detached Home  
• Ideally Located for Bilston & Darlaston Towns  
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• Reception Hall  
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**Willenhall Trentham Avenue**



• Spacious 2 Bedroom Home  
• Most Improved & Immaculately Presented  
• Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
OFFERS AROUND:  
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**Crawford Avenue Darlaston**



• 3 Bedroom Mid Townhouse  
• Cul-de-Sac Location  
• Gas Central Heating  
• UPVC Double Glazing (where specified)  
OFFERS AROUND:  
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**Willenhall Magness Crescent**



• Extended Semi-detached  
• 3 Bedrooms  
• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
• Reception Hall & Bathroom  
OFFERS AROUND:  
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**Stubbington Close Willenhall**



• 3/4 Bedroom Detached House  
• Extended and Much Improved  
• Central Heating and Double Glazing  
• No Upward Chain  
OFFERS AROUND:  
Viewing: 01902 633323 **£169,950**

**Darlaston 1 Eldon Street**



• Semi Detached Bungalow  
• 3 Bedrooms  
• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
• Lounge  
OFFERS AROUND:  
Viewing: 01902 633323 **£135,000**

**Willenhall Parkes Street**



• 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Gas Central Heating  
• Upvc Double Glazing  
• Double Glazing & Part Central Heating  
OFFERS AROUND:  
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**Willenhall Sandringham Avenue**



• Three bed detached  
• 200ft Rear Garden With Decked Area  
• 20ft Lounge  
• Guest W.c  
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**Willenhall Mill Lane** **REDUCED**



• Loft Room  
• Double glazed Windows  
• Gas central Heating  
• Conservatory  
OFFERS AROUND: **£182,000**

**Willenhall Mill Lane**



• Substantial Detached House  
• 5 Bedrooms  
• Central Heating and Double Glazing  
• No Upward Chain  
Viewing 01902 633323

**Willenhall Mill Lane**



• Entrance Porch and Hall  
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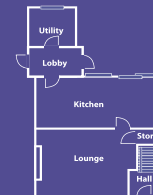


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A three bedroom link-detached home situated on a popular road in New Invention. Immaculately presented and further benefitting from a conservatory. Offered with no upward chain. Viewings by appointment with Dixons, Short Heath. Call us now don't miss out!

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**£140,000**

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**£130,000**

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### Partridge Avenue, Wednesbury



**£105,000**

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### Harlech Road, New Invention



Offers Over £110,000

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### 151 Victoria Street, Willenhall WV13 1DW



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### Western Avenue, Walsall



**£77,950**

**NEW**

A three bedroom terraced home situated in Bentley. Further benefitting from rear parking. With good access to Jct. 10 M6 and Willenhall Town Centre. Viewing is by appointment.

### Wordsworth Road, Willenhall



**£82,500**

**NEW**

A well presented two bedroom terraced home situated on a popular development with access to local shops. Having been extensively improved this one is definitely worth a viewing. Ideal for first time buyers! No upward chain!

### Gregory Close, Wednesbury



**£65,000**

**NEW**

Ground floor two bedroom maisonette situated in a peaceful courtyard development in Wednesbury Town Centre. Offered with no upward chain. Viewings by appointment with Dixons Estate Agents. Call us today!

### Victoria Street, Willenhall



**£56,950**

**NO CHAIN**

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- Generous rear garden
- Internal viewing recommended

£134,950 STAMP DUTY EXEMPT



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- Semi detached property with corner
- Three bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes
- Refined shower room
- Garage with off road parking
- Neatly fitted gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Conservatory/verandah
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage with off road parking

£129,995 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



### COPPICE FARM TORRISON ROAD

- Pleasant modern style two bedroom bungalow
- Delightful cul-de-sac location
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge with patio doors to the rear garden
- Bathroom with shower
- Enclosed rear garden
- Off road parking to the fore

£125,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



### SHORT HEATH COLTHAM ROAD

- Charming Victorian style terrace
- Thought ideal for first time purchasers
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with appliances
- Rear garden
- Allocated parking space to the rear

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £99,950



### WILLENHALL FURZEBANK WAY

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- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Spacious front lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Bathroom with white suite and shower
- Plasterwork in hall and stairs
- Garage with off road parking

£109,995



### BEECHDALE, WALSALL LISTER ROAD

- Traditional town house style property
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom
- Kitchens
- Gardens to front and rear
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

£79,950 OFFERS



### BENTLEY LIME AVENUE

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- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
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- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Pleasant gardens to front and rear
- Internal viewing recommended

£99,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



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- Three bedrooms
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Refitted kitchen with oven and hob
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- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Off road parking the fore
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows

£118,500



### SHORT HEATH WESLEY ROAD

- Superb Victorian style terrace
- Charming character accommodation
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Victorian style bathroom with roll top bath
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
- Viewing essential

£110,000 NO CHAIN



### NEW INVENTION BRERETON ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed semi-detached property
- Ideal first time purchase
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Upstairs fitted bathroom with shower
- Gardens to front and rear
- Off road parking

£96,500 OFFERS



### WILLENHALL SHEPPELL GREEN

- Conveniently located semi detached property
- Deceptively spacious accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Refined kitchen with oven and hob
- 18ft dining kitchen
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Garden to front and rear
- Ideal for a first time purchaser or young family

£94,950 NO CHAIN

### NEW INVENTION RUGELEY AVENUE

- Extended & improved and town house style property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Lounge and extended dining room
- 17ft side utility room
- Pleasant garden to the rear
- Off road parking
- Internal viewing recommended

£120,000 OFFERS



### WANTED TWO AND THREE BEDROOM BUNGALOWS IN ALL AREAS



### WILLENHALL DIBBLE CLOSE, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- Pleasantly appointed town house
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Superb refitted bathroom
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Spacious 20ft through lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances

£94,000



### WILLENHALL WELLAND GROVE

- Excellent modern style detached property in popular Kingshore development
- Three bedrooms, two with fitted wardrobes
- Well equipped fitted dining kitchen
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (STPP)
- Detached garage
- Block paved driveway
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

£159,950 OFFERS



### WILLENHALL MOUNT ROAD

- Pleasant three bedroom detached property
- Unusually large corner plot position
- Potential to extend (subject to planning rule)
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Detached garage and carport
- Conservatory driveway

£149,995

### WANTED TWO AND THREE BEDROOM TERRACED PROPERTIES IN OR AROUND WILLENHALL



### WILLENHALL PACKWOOD CLOSE

- Excellent modern style semi detached property
- Healthy modern development
- Planning permission granted for a two storey side extension
- Off road parking
- Two bedrooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted bathroom with white suite and shower
- Pleasant 15ft front lounge
- Enclosed rear garden

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £105,000



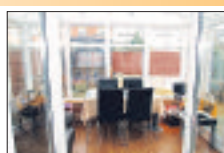
### WANTED TWO AND THREE BEDROOM HOUSES IN SHEPHERD DRIVE, TILDESLEY DRIVE AND QUEENS LEA



### THE MANOR, WILLENHALL THOMPSON CLOSE

- Semi detached property in cul de sac location
- Three bedrooms, two originally four, could easily be converted back by a potential purchaser
- Neatly UPVC double glazed windows
- Gas central heating system
- Two reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Garage and carport
- POTENTIAL TO EXTEND (STPP)

£159,500



### WILLENHALL SHERLOCK CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style town house
- Two bedrooms, one with built-in wardrobes
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Rear lounge
- Conservatory with wc
- Rear garden

£114,995 OFFERS



### WANTED TWO AND THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED PROPERTIES IN THE BENTLEY AREA



### SNEYD PARK DRUID PARK ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed and surprisingly spacious semi detached property
- Ideal first time purchase
- Two double bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Spacious 15ft front lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Lovely enclosed rear garden

£122,000



### WILLENHALL NEW ROAD

- Conveniently located detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas warm air central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Lounge and dining kitchen
- Garage and off road parking
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Garage and concrete apron driveway
- No related chain

£130,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



### WILLENHALL FURZEBANK WAY, OFF STROUD AVENUE

- Pleasant semi detached property on corner plot
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Spacious 14ft rear lounge
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Garage at rear with driveway
- Fitted kitchen
- Internal viewing recommended

£124,995 NO CHAIN

### WALSALL, OFF POPLAR AVENUE SILVERSTONE CLOSE

- Extended detached property on generous corner plot
- Call-to-se location
- Four bedrooms
- Three reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage

OFFERS IN EXCESS OF £159,995



### NEW INVENTION BALMORAL DRIVE

- Pleasantly appointed extended semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Side entry with utility room/denominatory wc
- Upstairs bathroom with shower/fitted
- Pleasant established rear garden

£129,950 OFFERS



### WILLENHALL KINGFISHER COURT

- Conveniently located ground floor apartment
- One bedroom
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted kitchen with oven, hob, washing machine and refrigerator
- Open plan lounge/kitchen
- Bathroom with white suite
- Asbestos roof with storage (double cupboard)
- Securely gated entrance, allocated parking

£69,950 OFFERS, NO CHAIN



### COPPICE FARM BUTTERMERE GROVE

- Extended modern style town house
- Four bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted dining kitchen with oven and hob
- Utility room and downstairs wc
- Garage and concrete apron driveway
- No related chain

WAS £149,950, NOW £147,950



### COPPICE FARM KESTREL GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached family residence
- Cul-de-sac position
- Four bedrooms and en-suite shower
- Two reception rooms
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

**£215,000 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL YALE ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- En-suite shower room
- No onward chain
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Bathroom with shower
- Garage and off road parking
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£229,950 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL BILSTON ROAD

- A stunning double fronted traditional style detached bungalow
- Splendidly appointed accommodation
- Two/three bedrooms
- Lounge, dining room/bedroom 3
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Well equipped refitted breakfast kitchen
- Luxury bathroom with shower
- Garage and ample parking
- Lovely established rear garden
- Gas central heating, UPVC double glazed windows

**£269,950 STAMP DUTY PAID BY VENDOR**



### WILLENHALL KNIGHTS CLOSE

- Immaculate modern style four bedroom detached residence
- Master bedroom with dressing area & en-suite shower
- Two reception rooms
- Well equipped breakfast kitchen with appliances
- Utility room and guest cloakroom with wc
- Principal fitted bathroom
- Garage and off road parking
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£229,950 OFFERS, VIEWING ESSENTIAL**



### TAMEBRIDGE BETONY CLOSE

- Superb modern style detached residence situated in pleasant cul-de-sac position
- Four bedrooms, master with fitted wardrobe
- Lounge and dining rooms
- Spacious UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen with oven and hob
- En-suite shower room
- Newly established rear garden
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£210,000 OFFERS**



### SUMMER HAYES LUDLOW CLOSE

- Splendidly appointed link detached bungalow set in private drive position
- Two bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Stylish refitted kitchen
- Stunning refitted bathroom with P shaped spar bath and shower
- Study/office and utility area
- Generous plot with lovely adjacent countryside setting
- Ample off road parking for several vehicles

**£179,950 OFFERS**



### SUMMER HAYES BURLEIGH CLOSE

- Pleasantly appointed versatile semi in popular Summer Hayes location
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Upstairs bathroom with separate shower
- Fitted breakfast kitchen inc oven and hob
- 32ft tandem length garage
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Lovely cul-de-sac location
- Attractive rear garden

**£156,950 OFFERS**



### BENTLEY, WALSALL MONMOUTH ROAD

- Deceptively spacious extended detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Low maintenance rear garden
- Detached garage and carport
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows

**£169,500 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**



### SUMMER HAYES FENN RISE

- Deceptively spacious, versatile link detached bungalow
- Extended to the side elevation
- Three bedrooms and dressing room
- Bedroom 2 currently used as a second lounge
- Majority triple glazed windows
- Gas central heating
- 32ft double length garage
- Lovely private established rear garden of generous size
- Cul-de-sac location

**£187,500 OFFERS**



### WILLENHALL WATKINS ROAD

- Extended semi detached residence
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- Spacious 16ft extended rear lounge
- Dining room and breakfast kitchen
- Utility room and study/occasional bedroom four
- Lovely cul-de-sac location
- Attractive rear garden

**£147,500 OFFERS**



### COPPICE FARM LOCHALSH GROVE

- Modern style detached family residence
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen including oven and hob
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Generous rear garden
- Detached garage and carport
- Gas central heating
- Internal viewing recommended

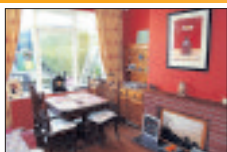
**WAS £205,000 NOW £199,950**



### SHORT HEATH HUNTS LANE

- Pleasant double fronted detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and separate dining room
- Bathroom with separate shower cubicle
- Loft room with Velux roof window
- Lovely private established rear garden
- Ample off road parking
- Block paved driveway affording ample parking

**WAS £210,000, NOW £195,000 OFFERS**



### COUNTY BRIDGE, WILLENHALL CORONATION AVENUE

- Pleasantly appointed traditional style bay fronted semi
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- Gas central heating
- Majority UPVC double glazing
- Kitchen with adjacent hall/study
- Downstairs wc
- Upstairs bathroom with shower
- Garage and block paved driveway

**£129,950**



### ESSINGTON HOUGH WAY

- Superb modern style detached family residence
- Four bedrooms, all with fitted wardrobes
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower
- Breakfast kitchen and
- UPVC double glazed windows/family room
- Spacious fitted dining kitchen
- Utility room and guest cloakroom
- Detached garage and ample parking
- Gas central heating
- Viewing recommended

**WAS £287,500 NOW £274,950**



### WILLENHALL RAVENSROFT ROAD

- Pleasantly appointed detached double fronted bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- 22ft fitted breakfast kitchen
- Superb UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fully fitted shower room with walk-in shower
- Lovely private established rear garden with timber decked patio
- Block paved driveway affording ample parking

**£189,950 OFFERS**



### SHORT HEATH WESLEY ROAD

- Deceptively spacious extended detached property
- Four bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Fitted kitchen inc double oven, hob and dishwasher
- Lovely established rear garden of generous size
- Concrete paved driveway
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing

**£169,950**



### COPPICE FARM KINGFISHER GROVE

- Pleasantly appointed modern style detached detached family residence
- Four bedrooms, all with wardrobes
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Two reception rooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge and freezer
- Internal viewing strongly recommended
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£220,000 OFFERS**



### SHORT HEATH CORSIKAN CLOSE

- Pleasant extended detached family residence in cul-de-sac
- Three bedrooms & six downstairs bedrooms
- Master bedroom with en-suite shower room
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazing
- Spacious UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Extended fitted kitchen/dining room
- Separate bathroom with shower
- 32ft tandem length garage
- Low maintenance block paved and gravelled gardens

**£179,950**



### WILLENHALL HIGH ROAD

- Spacious modern style detached residence
- Four bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and separate dining room
- Fitted breakfast kitchen with selected appliances
- 30ft double length garage
- Newly established gardens to front and rear
- Ample off road parking

**WAS £195,000, NOW £189,950**



### SHORT HEATH POOLES LANE

- An appealing traditional style bay fronted detached residence
- Popular Short Heath location
- Spacious living accommodation
- Three bedrooms
- Two reception rooms with en-suite
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Floorings
- Superb refitted fully tiled bathroom
- Gas central heating, majority double glazing
- Large rear garden
- 25ft double length garage
- 25ft conservatory/sun room

**£215,000**



### SHORT HEATH WOOD LANE CLOSE

- Deceptively spacious versatile detached family residence
- Splendidly appointed living accommodation
- Three bedrooms, one ground floor, two first floor
- First floor bathroom with jacuzzi type bath
- Ground floor shower room
- Superb well equipped dining kitchen
- 25ft UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Garage & block paved driveway
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows

**£295,000**



### COPPICE FARM SNOWDON WAY

- Pleasantly appointed extended detached family residence
- Five bedrooms
- Two reception rooms
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Fitted kitchen with oven, hob, fridge and freezer
- Internal viewing strongly recommended
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Lounge and dining area
- Fitted bathroom with shower
- Utility room and downstairs guest cloakroom
- Timber decking and gravelled rear garden
- Internal viewing strongly recommended

**£220,000**



### WILLENHALL WILLIAMS CLOSE

- Pleasant semi detached property
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- Double glazed windows
- L shaped lounge/dining room
- Upstairs bathroom with shower cubicle
- Established rear garden
- Garage and off road parking

**£134,500 NO CHAIN**



### NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL CRAB LANE

- Deceptive extended traditional style detached bungalow
- Three bedrooms
- Gas central heating
- UPVC double glazed windows
- Extended kitchen
- Bathroom with shower fitted with selected appliances
- 30ft double length garage
- Newly established gardens to front and rear
- Ample off road parking

**WAS £190,000, NOW £185,000 NO CHAIN**



### NEW INVENTION, WILLENHALL CRAB LANE

- Extended three bedroom link detached property
- Some internal modernisation required
- Excellent potential to improve and extend (CIP)
- Gas warm air central heating system
- UPVC double glazed windows
- 16ft rear lounge, separate dining/sitting room
- Kitchen and utility rooms
- 25ft double length garage
- Driveway to the fore

**£165,000 OFFERS, NO CHAIN**

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## High Road, Willenhall

Two Bedroom End Terrace Property In The Popular Lane Head Area. The Property Benefits From Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Central Heating, Double Glazing And Canalside Garden. CASH OFFERS ONLY

£49,995



## Huntington Road, New Invention

A Two Bedroom Mid Terrace Property On The Sought After Forest Gate Estate In New Invention, Comprising Of Through Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Ideal Investment Property, In Need Of Some Modernisation.

£81,995



## Remington Road, Beechdale

Large Three Bedroom Mid Terrace, Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Front And Rear Gardens.

£82,950 ONO



## King Edward Street, Darlaston

Well Presented Two Bed Mid Terrace, Two Reception Rooms, Extended Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, Two Double Bedrooms, First Floor W.C, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Private Rear Garden.

£89,995



## Ashmore Lake Rd, Willenhall

Large Two Bedroom Traditional Semi, Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Large Rear Garden.

£94,995



## Hawthorne Place, Bentley

Well Presented Two Bedroom Semi, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Separate W.C, Fitted Bathroom, Utility Room, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Off Road Parking.

£98,995



## Stroud Avenue, Willenhall

Well Presented Spacious Three Bedroom Town House, Spacious Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Separate W.C, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Front & Rear Gardens.

£99,995



## Bentley Lane, Willenhall

A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property In Need Of Some Modernisation. Comprising Of Lounge, Spacious Kitchen/Diner, Rear Lean To, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, Majority Double Glazing, Central Heating And Driveway.

£99,995



## Latimer Street, Willenhall

Spacious Semi Detached Property Located Close To Willenhall Town Centre. The Property Comprises Of Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Area, Downstairs W.C, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Detached Garage & Generous Garden.

£99,995 ONO



## Fawley Close, Willenhall

Two Bedroom Semi, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Rear Garden, Large Plot, Potential To Extend STPP.

£118,500 ONO



## Shepherds Drive, Willenhall

Extended Two/Three Bedroom Semi, Large Feature Conservatory, Breakfast Kitchen Extension, W/C, Office/Study, Fitted Bathroom, Dining Room, Summer House/Annexe, Front And Rear Gardens.

£119,995



## Kenilworth Crescent, Walsall

Modern Three Bedroom Semi, Open Plan Lounge Through To Conservatory, Good Sized Kitchen, Downstairs W.C, Master With En-Suite, Detached Garage, Driveway, Cul-De-Sac Location, MUST VIEW.

£120,000 ONO



## Spindle Tree Rise, Willenhall

Well Presented Modern Three Bedroom Town House, Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Separate W.C, Family Fitted Bathroom, Conservatory, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Tarmacadam Driveway, Rear Garden.

£122,950



## Stubby Lane, Wednesfield

Well Presented Three Bed Traditional Semi, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Double Length Driveway, Large Rear Garden, Popular Location.

£124,995



## Willenhall Street, Darlaston

Well Presented Four Bedroom Extended Semi, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Utility Area, W.C, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Block Paved Driveway, Garage.

£139,995



## Oakridge Drive, Willenhall

An Extended Link Detached Property Having Fitted Kitchen, Extended Lounge/Diner, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Integral Garage, UPVC Double Glazing, Gas Central Heating & Driveway.

£139,995



## Radstock Road, Willenhall

Three Bedroom Semi, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, Two Reception Rooms, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Crete Print Driveway, Garage.

£144,995 ONO



## Gurnard Close, Willenhall

Extended Three/Four Bedroom Semi, Lounge, Modern Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Study, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Rear Garden.

£147,000



## Watkins Road, Willenhall

Spacious Three/Four Bedroom Semi, Large Kitchen/Diner, Spacious Lounge, Dining Room, Luxury Jacuzzi Bathroom Suite, Garage Conversion, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Block Paved Driveway.

£149,995



## Ada Wrighton Close, Willenhall

Three Bedroom Link Detached House, Entrance Hall, Large Through Lounge/Diner, W/C, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Shower Room, Garage For Storage Only, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Driveway.

£152,995



## Edinburgh Drive, Willenhall

Spacious Three Bedroom Semi, Lounge, Dining Room, Conservatory, Separate W/C, Utility Room, Ground Floor Bedroom, Fitted Kitchen, Fitted Bathroom, Carport, Front & Rear Gardens.

£162,995 ONO



## Alton Avenue, Willenhall

Well Presented Spacious Three Bed Semi, Two Reception Rooms, Re-Fitted Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Room, W.C, Modern Re-Fitted Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Large Crete Print Driveway, Garage.

£167,500



## Lea View, Willenhall

Immaculately Presented Three Bed Semi, Comprising Of Through Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Sitting Area, Downstairs W.C, Three Good Sized Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating & Large Driveway.

£167,500 ONO



## Kingfisher Gr, Coppice Farm

Well Presented Three Bed Detached, Lounge/Diner, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Modern Fitted Bathroom, En-suite, Driveway, Garage, Rear Garden.

£186,950 ONO

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<b>NEW</b> £650 pcm  <b>Honeybourne Way</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A stylish modern detached property</li> <li>● Spacious lounge with feature fireplace</li> <li>● Dining room and conservatory</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● 3 Bedrooms 2 with fitted wardrobes</li> <li>● Guest wc and upstairs family bathroom</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £550 pcm  <b>Lilac Grove</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A superb 3 bed semi detached</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Fully enclosed rear garden</li> <li>● Gas central heating and double glazing</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £500 pcm  <b>Highgate Avenue</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A Stylish 1st floor apartment</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen/Utility</li> <li>● Spacious lounge area</li> <li>● Luxury bathroom with separate WC</li> <li>● 3 Double bedrooms</li> <li>● GCH Throughout/Parking</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £495 pcm  <b>Castle Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spacious 3 bed mid terraced</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● New bathroom with shower over bath</li> <li>● Large rear garden</li> <li>● Dss accepted with guarantor</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £475 pcm  <b>Station View, Walsall</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A luxury 2 bed apartment</li> <li>● Open planned lounge/kitchen</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Pleasant family bathroom</li> <li>● Master en suite</li> <li>● Allocated parking</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £450 pcm  <b>Highgate Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Superb ground floor apartment</li> <li>● Large modern kitchen/Diner</li> <li>● Good sized living room</li> <li>● 2 Double bedrooms</li> <li>● Stylish contemporary bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating throughout</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> £450 pcm  <b>Milton Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Traditional 3 bed terraced</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Dss accepted, Rent in arrears</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £450 pcm  <b>West Bromwich Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Traditional mid terraced property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Gas central heating and DG</li> <li>● Dss accepted/Rent in arrears for HB</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £350 pcm  <b>Victor Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 1 Bed ground floor flat</li> <li>● Spacious lounge area</li> <li>● Large Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Good sized bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Gas central heating/Double glazing</li> <li>● Dss accepted with guarantor</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £550 pcm  <b>Alderley Crescent</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A superb modern end terrace</li> <li>● Spacious lounge with Fireplace</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Guest WC and upstairs family Bathroom</li> <li>● 3 Good sized bedrooms</li> <li>● Fully enclosed rear garden</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £525 pcm  <b>Tong Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● An Excellent 3 bed terraced property</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● New modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Modern downstairs bathroom</li> <li>● 3 Good sized bedrooms</li> <li>● GCH and DG. DSS Accepted</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £495 pcm  <b>Collins Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 3 bed semi detached property</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen and Guest WC</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Driveway DSS accepted</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> £475 pcm  <b>Laneside Gardens</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3 Bed end terraced property</li> <li>● Spacious lounge area</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen diner</li> <li>● Guest WC and upstairs bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating throughout</li> <li>● Front and rear gardens. Dss Accepted</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £475 pcm  <b>Cannock Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A re-furnished 3 bed apartment</li> <li>● 2 storey layout with 1 reception room</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Parking, close to local shops</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £475 pcm  <b>Cleeve Way</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 2 bed end terrace property</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family shower room</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Guest WC, Garage, Drive, DSS accepted</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £475 pcm  <b>Neath Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A spacious 3 bed mid terrace</li> <li>● 2 good size reception rooms</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double glazing</li> <li>● Conservatory DSS accepted</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £475 pcm  <b>Bloxwich Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A 2 bed 1st floor apartment</li> <li>● Spacious lounge</li> <li>● Open planned kitchen/diner</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Family bathroom with shower</li> <li>● GCH/DG and DSS accepted</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £450 pcm  <b>Burrowes Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Spacious 2nd floor apartment</li> <li>● Lounge with feature fireplace</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Family bathroom with electric shower</li> <li>● 2 double bedrooms</li> <li>● 2 parking spaces, Sorry No DSS</li> </ul>
<b>NEW</b> £450 pcm  <b>Dora Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 3 Bed mid terraced property</li> <li>● 2 Spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen</li> <li>● Downstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas central heating and double glazing</li> <li>● Dss Accepted</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £430 pcm  <b>Hawes Road</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A traditional 2 bed semi detached</li> <li>● 2 spacious reception rooms</li> <li>● Fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Upstairs family bathroom</li> <li>● Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Driveway and rear garden</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £400 pcm  <b>St Clemments Lane</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A superb 1 bed 1st floor apartment</li> <li>● Open planned lounge/kitchen area</li> <li>● Modern fitted kitchen with cooker</li> <li>● Pleasant family bathroom with shower</li> <li>● Electric Heating and Double Glazing</li> <li>● Secure allocated parking</li> </ul>	<b>NEW</b> £400 pcm  <b>Leicester Street</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● A highly desirable one bed apartment</li> <li>● Open planned living area</li> <li>● Stylish modern bathroom</li> <li>● Integrated kitchen appliances</li> <li>● Electric heating throughout</li> <li>● Town centre location</li> </ul>	<b>LETTINGS IS A LEGAL MINEFIELD</b> <b>JOIN AN ARLA LICENSED AGENT</b>   <b>AND LET THE EXPERTS MANAGE YOUR PROPERTY</b> <b>CALL 01922 723743 FOR A FREE VALUATION</b>	
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## Renault gearing up for the electric revolution

RENAULT thinks one in ten new cars bought around the world in 2020 will be powered by a battery and has already invested billions to help make that forecast come true.

By Ian Donaldson

So it must hope the sales figures for purely-electric vehicles in the UK are going to pep up dramatically to help towards a brighter plug-in future. Last year we bought just 1,082 of them from the handful of car makers with a model in the showroom.

Now comes Renault's first passenger vehicle to point us towards a cleaner life in cars that emit nothing horrid from their tailpipes (and don't have exhausts anyway).

It's called the Fluence and you feel Renault knows the real electric push won't come from this car. We'll have to wait a few

months for that and the arrival of the Zoe, a chic looking compact hatch that might just become the must-have urban runaround for the on-trend motorist.

The Fluence can't hope to fill that bill. It's big (based on a stretched Megane with the large new battery behind the rear seats) and gawky looking and, crucially, can manage as little as 50 miles between overnight charges.

In the right conditions (light town work with heater and lights off) you might stretch that to 125 miles, but the Fluence is inevitably going to be a second car in the family, which will need something that goes a lot further, a lot of the time.

### Opposition

Still, should you find you could offer a Fluence the right conditions to thrive you'll be buying a car that looks good value against the limited opposition.

With the government's £5,000 electric car subsidy taken into account the Fluence costs either £17,495 for the Expression or £18,395 for the posher and very well equipped Dynamique driven here.

You must then hire the battery, from £76 a month with a 6,000 miles a year limit (more miles cost extra). Renault reckons not buying the battery outright gives a Fluence owner peace of mind that it won't cost

a fortune to replace, and will also make the car easier to sell when the time comes.

Lower servicing charges than a comparable petrol or diesel engine car help keep running costs down and there's the huge attraction of the £3 recharge too.

The car drives pretty well; electric motors produce most push from low revs and the Fluence fairly flies from a standing start, accompanied by a distant whine that sounds like your holiday jet launching itself along the runway.

Lift off and the cabin turns limo quiet at low speeds, go a bit faster and tyres and wind noise give it the feel of a well insulated conventional car.

It rides well too, with a relaxing loping that would perfectly suit a car capable of much greater distances than the Fluence manages between enforced stops.

Use all its performance and the battery level meter on the dash will plunge; I consumed a quarter of the charge in 20 miles on an admittedly chilly day (needing the heater on) and along a winding, hilly route.

Which means you'll be a bit of an eco hero to buy one. The smaller Zoe looks a more promising prospect for saving the planet.

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Road signs, permanent and temporary, give drivers important information on their journey

# Road signs play a crucial role on road

RED triangles for warning, green boards for destinations, blue circles instruct, brown boards direct you to tourist spots and red circles tell you what you're not supposed to do.

Yes, you guessed it; I'm talking about road signs. They are a central part of the road design. But they're not there for decoration and certainly don't stand there to look pretty.

Neither are they particularly informative when they are cluttered on one side of the road. We've all heard stories of the roads full of signs offering you an abundance of information which serves only to confuse motorists.

But road signs will help you to be prepared during your journey and find your way to your destination. Unlike your sat-nav they'll inform and warn you of the road in a way that your sat-nav simply will not. Here's some advice on tackling the signs.

When setting out on the road, try and

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look well ahead. The more time you give yourself to see the signs, the better. The extra time you have will give you enough time to respond appropriately if you need to. Remember, signs will give information and guidance on hazards, road layouts and directions - so don't ignore them.

Be careful where there are temporary signs - they are there for a specific reason. We've all experienced those times when you're driving to work and suddenly it's taking you much longer to reach work because of roadworks. These works are usually be signalled through signs. They can often affect speed limits and road layouts - so pay attention.

Whilst signs are incredibly helpful, there are some which are just not being

looked after. If you notice a sign that is mis-spelt, is misleading, overcrowded or hidden by dirt and foliage, report it to the council. The message has to be clear so that drivers can act on the information immediately.

Read the road signs to double check your route - don't rely too heavily on your sat-nav in case things have changed. If you have missed the turning for your destination, never make a last-minute manoeuvre that could be dangerous.

That means no sharp turns, sudden braking or U-turns. It's always better to drive on until you find a safe place to turn around. This way, you're not putting yourself or anyone else in danger and can use signs to redirect your route.

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Subaru's new 2+2 coupe has already generated high levels of interest at dealerships, with many customers placing orders before pricing and standard equipment have been announced.

The Japanese brand has now revealed that top-specification models come with 17-inch alloy wheels, a torque-sensing LSD, front, side, curtain and knee airbags, MP3 connectivity, dual-zone climate control and LED daytime running lights.

The driver-focussed BRZ will also come with Subaru's VDC (Vehicle

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A second, lower-spec model will also be made available a little later in the year, as will a third 'stripped out' version, which promises to be the perfect solution for those who wish to tune and fettle the BRZ to their own tastes, as well as track-day enthusiasts.

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## Carter in control with his kicking

## Warley 5 Aldridge 11

THE Aldridge pack got off to a brisk start in this league encounter with local rivals Warley.

Veteran No 10 Kenny Carter took full advantage of a stiff breeze to keep the home side pegged back in their own territory with some precision kicking.

The Aldridge forwards created a number of opportunities but did not manage to cross the line so it was a penalty from scrum-half Mark Large that gave them a deserved lead after 15 minutes.

Almost from the restart Warley made a rare sortie into the visitors' territory.

They drove the ball on in the forwards and then moved it wide to put centre Rich Rainger over in the corner.

Aldridge recovered and continued to exert plenty of pressure without being able to make the final yard to the try line.

Just before the break Carter, still orchestrating matters around the scrum, intervened with a solo effort, taking the ball powerfully through the heart of the defence to touch down.

In the second half the home side failed to take advantage of the conditions and only rarely entered the visitors' half.

The Aldridge pack had control but despite some determined driving play were unable to exert sustained pressure on the opposition try line.

The dying minutes a second Large penalty stretched the margin and prompted a last big effort from the home side but the Aldridge defence remained resolute.

## Leaders hit by Jay goal

**Silverdale U9s 1 Great Barr 0**  
**SILVERDALE** Throshles Under-9s took on top-of-the-league and undefeated Great Barr and came out 1-0 winners.

It was a game of few chances but Silverdale shaded it. A goal in the first half from Jay Sahota came after a great run from man-of-the-match Sukhote Sohah and a scramble in the Harriers' box.

The last five minutes Harriers pushed for the goal but great defending from Callum Bell and Alfie Morgan kept the result safe.



Walsall front-runner George Bowerman bursts away from Orient's Scott Cuthbert



Saddlers midfielder Richard Taundry battles for the ball against Terrell Forbes

# Saddlers out to last pace in survival race

## Leyton Orient 1 Walsall 1

**WALSALL** are gearing up for a dash for survival after grabbing a valuable point in the shadow of the Olympic Stadium.

Oliver Lancashire's 94th minute header rescued them after they laboured against 10-man Orient. The race for survival, their golden target, is on and the Saddlers are in the home straight.

Scunthorpe's 4-1 thumping of Wycombe and Yeovil's 2-1 win over Brentford saw the rivals edge ahead and drop the Saddlers back into League One's bottom four.

There were signals of intent from their drop rivals, making Saturday's point all the more vital, but the Saddlers know they cannot draw their way out of trouble. Their 15th of the season could be the most priceless though. Defeat at Orient would have been devastating to the confidence and the momentum Walsall had started to build.

But it keeps the run going, now four games unbeaten, and the relief from the fans to the team was palpable.

They couldn't afford to lose and a point must be seen as a positive result after a subdued performance.

Yes, the display was disappointing but the ultimate outcome was not.

Had the Saddlers been offered five points from their three consecutive away games they would have taken them.

Remaining unbeaten is a significant effort, one which should be praised, they needed to take something at Orient for the revival to be taken seriously.

A three-game run was good – four is even better – but Walsall need to extend it to prove they have the staying power in the survival fight.

And their late heroics at Brisbane Road



Oilly Lancashire scores (right) takes the plaudits after his late goal

showed they can keep going, handle the pressure and dig results out when all seems lost.

Earlier in the season it was the Saddlers who were tossing away leads and missing the luck but, on Saturday, they enjoyed their slice of good fortune.

Yet make no mistake Walsall dodged a massive bullet. After Orient were reduced to 10 men before the break – much to culprit Solomon Taiwo's shock – you expected a Churchillian response.

The fans wanted Winston but they got the toy dog and luckily they had Lancashire's goal as insurance.

There looked no way back from Dean Cox's fortuitous opener – when Lancashire and David Grof collided under pressure from Kevin Lisbie. Taiwo's red card – for a

high challenge on Florent Cuvelier – seven minutes before the break – looked to have swung the game back in Walsall's favour but they failed to take advantage until the death.

Orient – with their two banks of four – did the perfect number on the visitors as the Saddlers' second-half frustrations grew.

And, through that frustration, they lacked the tempo or ideas to hurt the stubborn hosts. Cuvelier was well marshalled by Matt Spring and Jamie Paterson never got going.

Lancashire revealed afterwards Richard Taundry's point-saving corner was 'off the cuff' and admitted there hadn't been enough initiative from the Saddlers.

They lumbered to a point and needed fine stops by Grof from Lisbie and Smith to stay



Walsall striker Will Grigg moves in to challenge Ben Chorley

in touch. His save from Smith, after the winger cut inside and let fly, in injury time was the precursor to Lancashire's leveller and was just as important as the defender's goal.

Lancashire nodded in Taundry's corner after the midfielder's own drive had been tipped over by the underworked Marek Stech.

It saved a point, kept the run going and ensured the Saddlers keep a semblance of momentum in their battle to climb away from the relegation zone.

And everyone is entitled to play badly, the Saddlers aren't in a survival battle just because they've been unlucky this term.

But the starter's gun has gone off for the final sprint and Walsall must ensure they stay on the League One podium.

## Lockmen lose two men and the lead

## Willenhall Town 2 Heath Hayes 2

**WILLENHALL** had to settle for a point from their latest Midland Alliance clash after squandering a two-goal lead.

Early chances for the visitors went begging and as the game progressed the Lockmen grew in confidence and completely bossed the first half.

The hosts took the lead on 18 minutes when Danico Johnson broke clear and, showing good composure, coolly rounded keeper Tom McNulty to score.

Ten minutes later Joe Lyng powered home at the far post to the delight of Willenhall's small band of faithful supporters.

Hayes performed better after the break but try as they might nothing would go right for them.

Things got worse on the hour when full-back Luke Jones was sent off after a skirmish with Town's Reece Leek.

Hayes introduced Chris Geldart as they sought a way back into the clash and it had an immediate effect.

Firstly, he made a good run down the right and Ben Porter fired home after Town failed to clear the cross.

Two minutes later Geldart ran through on his own to score a superb equaliser.

It was all the visitors and the home goal led a charmed life as Dave Waple went close on three occasions.

On 80 minutes, Town had Lyng dismissed for a foul on McNulty, and in injury time also lost Matt Dorgan for a second bookable offence.

But they managed to hold out and claim a deserved point.

## Mixed day for Tigers

**CRESSWELL TIGERS** U9s defied the arctic weather conditions to register a deserved victory on part one of their latest Walsall Junior Youth League double header.

Goals from Jake Percival and Owen Chivers saw Tigers run out 2-1 winners against Sporting Khalsa.

The man of the match award went to Jimmy Billingham for tireless performance in defence.

But there was no joy for Tigers in their second outing as they lost 2-0 to Brownhills Community Colts.

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## First-half goals set Wood on their way

Castle Vale JKS 1  
Walsall Wood 3

AN impressive first-half display set Walsall Wood on their way to a key victory at Castle Vale.

Wood went for broke from the off with Scott Cooper and Drew Aiton going close. They took the lead on 11 minutes from a right-wing corner delivered by Andre Gonzales.

Chris Lewis flicked a header across goal, JKS keeper Mark Hadden could only push the ball behind him and Corey Currithers pounced to score.

Six minutes later it was 2-0. Danny Owen won the ball in midfield and hit a lovely ball to find Gonzales. He played a neat one-two with Aiton and scored with a scorching cross shot.

Hadden saved from Tom Howard before JKS finally sprang to life and Lee Streeton had to clear the danger as a through ball nearly found Roy Dunkley.

But in the 31st minute Owen put Aiton away on the left. He found Scott Cooper who ran on and scored to make it 3-0.

Chris Lloyd forced a save from Wood keeper Dale Faulkless but a minute before half-time Dunkley pulled one back for JKS with a clever chip over the advancing keeper.

The only shots on goal in the second half saw Owen and Torgut Bilgimer fire over for Wood, while a Dunkley header across the six-yard box was comfortably cleared.

## Oates at the double for champions

**Kidderminster 2 Bloxwich 4**  
BLOXWICH men's hockey team were crowned champions with three games to go after this hard-fought win at Kidderminster.

Some defensive confusion resulted in Kidderminster taking the early lead.

But after a spell of pressure on the home defence Bloxwich pulled level with captain Lee Hale getting the goal.

Then Ade Riley netted to put Bloxwich 2-1 up only for Kidderminster to draw level before half-time through a penalty corner.

Bloxwich controlled the second half and scored a further two goals from Martin Oates to run out 4-2 winners and secure the league title.

# Off-the-boil home game ends in loss

**Walsall 19 Worcester Wanderers 32**  
WALSALL failed to reproduce their recent good form and suffered a rather surprising home defeat.

It was a game that promised much at times, but both teams, and Walsall in particular, failed to maintain their momentum during crucial phases.

Unfortunately, the game tended to be a stop-start affair with both teams struggling to keep possession.

Walsall did all of the early pressurising but the lack of accuracy in the final

## Walsall Rugby

few passes deprived them of a score.

Wanderers opened the scoring with a penalty by fly-half Greg Fincher. Almost from the re-start Walsall were in front after Wanderers spilled the ball and the hosts showed good handling before centre Harvey Wootton put over a neat kick, which full-back Chris Mould gathered to finish.

Outside half Matt Wood was securing good positions with long-touch finding

kicks and putting the visitors under pressure in their own half.

A strong run by centre Wootton saw Walsall being awarded penalty, which Wood put over from 30 metres. But Wanderers came back strongly. A quick tap penalty saw No 8 Saddington squirm through some rather timid tackles for a try.

Walsall finished the half with another successful penalty. Wanderers took the lead 15 minutes into the second-half with a converted try by

full-back Barton. They they added another penalty. Walsall came back with Merlin, Dickson, Andy and Pete Fitzgerald making good ground and Wood converting a penalty.

Merlin was then yellow carded and Wanderers took advantage to score two converted tries. Merlin returned for the final two minutes and Walsall covered 50 metres for a Wootton consolation score. The result saw Walsall relinquish third place in Midlands One West to Wanderers.

## Pics move up league after win over FCUM

Rushall Olympic moved to eighth position in the Evo-Stik Northern Premier League following victory against play-off chasing FC United of Manchester.

In front of a large attendance, the hosts made four changes to the team that drew 0-0 against Workop. James Skedgel and Christian Dacres were replaced by Lucan Spittle and Nick Amos, while Grant Beckett and Craig Bannister made way for Martyn Naylor and Alex Forde.

The kick-off was delayed for 15 minutes due to congestion at the turnstiles, as a bumper crowd packed into Dales Lane.

When proceedings eventually got under way, a mistake after just three minutes by returning captain Spittle almost proved costly, but Matthew Wolfenden lost possession after being put into space.

Three minutes later, United striker Mike Norton burst into the box, before cutting inside and shooting towards the near post. Goalkeeper Chris Gemmell did extremely well to get down and turn the ball around the upright for a corner.

The 10th minute proved to be defining, when a back-pass from United defender Greg Stones put pressure on his keeper James Spencer. As Alex Melbourne scented an error, he darted into the penalty area to make an interception and slot home into an empty net.

The hosts were forced into a substitution as they second half got under way as the injured Mitchell Tolley was replaced by Beckett.

A potential turning point arrived with just 15 minutes remaining when Olympic's Naylor was sent off. He appeared to have won the ball but his follow through caught his opponent.

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# ELLIE IS READY TO TURN UP THE GAS

**WALSALL'S Ellie Simmonds might have booked herself a London 2012 spot with 400m freestyle gold at the British Gas Swimming Championships but the teenager insists there is plenty more to come.**

The 17-year-old was a double gold medalist from the Beijing Paralympics four years ago and set herself on course to repeat the feat with her 400m freestyle victory.

But despite winning comfortably the Paralympic and world champion and world record holder was disappointed with her winning time of 5:27.00 minutes.

And Simmonds is vowing to not let lightning strike twice when she returns to the capital this summer when London 2012 finally gets underway.

"I suppose you can't ask for a personal best all the time but I still wasn't that happy at the end of the race," she said.

"Training has been going really well coming into the competition and I had one of the best warm-ups I've ever done and I had pretty high expectations for the race, which is why I'm a little bit gutted."

"It was a hard race but I was pretty shocked to see that I was two seconds off my personal best."

## Swimming

"I know there are things that I need to improve on and hopefully I can learn from this and set things right."

Meanwhile, Rachael Kelly just missed out on a podium finish in the 100m butterfly final as she came home in fifth.

Ellen Gandy took gold, and an Olympic spot alongside silver medalist Fran Halsall, thanks to her winning time of 57.25 seconds.

But Kelly finished her race in 1:00.11 minutes to just miss out on a medal by just over two seconds.

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## Goalkeeper Liam's passport in safe hands

**SHOT-STOPPER** Liam Stanton will be keeping his passport close to hand after being called up to represent Great Britain at the Catholic Students Summer Games in Malta.

The sixth-former, who is studying for his A-levels at St Thomas More Catholic School in Darlaston Lane, Willenhall, was recently selected for the under-18s squad.

More than 100 young hopefuls took part in trials held in Leeds earlier this month.

## Experience

The 16-year-old, who currently trains with League Two outfit Crewe Alexandra's Academy, will be jetting off in July and will play against teams from across the world.

Stanton, of Coppice Farm Estate, Wednesfield, said it would be a "great experience" to take part in the games.

He added: "It gives me enormous pride to represent Great Britain."

Dan Preston, PE teacher at St Thomas More Catholic School, said: "Liam is a super lad."

"This is a fantastic opportunity for him to represent Great Britain in the sport he loves on an international stage."



St Thomas More school student Liam Stanton, aged 16, with his passport

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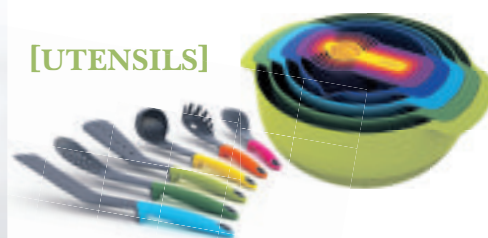


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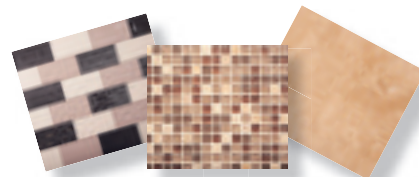
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